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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

The Honorable Randy Vulakovich
Chair

VIA: HAND CARRY

Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee
168 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3038

The Honorable Stephen Barrar
Chair

VIA: HAND CARRY

House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee
18 East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2160

Dear Chairmen Vulakovich and Barrar:

As you well know, the recent discovery of abundant natural gas deposits in Pennsylvania has placed Pennsylvania square in the middle of an energy and manufacturing renaissance across the world.

There is no doubt this new chapter of energy production and manufacturing will have enormous impacts on the economy here in Pennsylvania and across the world. As the world continues to look to natural gas as a new energy source and feedstock for a multitude of manufacturing processes, it is incumbent upon elected officials to be engaged and informed as this transformation unfolds.

One of the many considerations that arises is how natural gas related products are moved to their final destination. As we understand it, the use of pipelines is often the most desirable mode of transportation for these products.

As we interact with our constituents we have had many conversations about an array of different issues related to the use of pipelines. Chief among them has been questions about public safety.

Recognizing there is a complex regulatory framework in place that governs the use of pipelines which spans state and national authorities, we are writing to you as the chairmen of the state Senate and House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committees to request that your committees hold public hearings to compile a thorough record of the current safety efforts and requirements in place. We believe this effort will help officials understand the current scope of safety regulations and also allow us to examine if there are any additional steps that our state should take to ensure the safety of those who entrust us with the honor to represent them.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to working with you to make sure that public safety is always a top priority in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tom Killian in black ink.

Senator Tom Killian
9th Senatorial District

Handwritten signature of Chris Quinn in black ink.

Representative Chris Quinn
168th House District