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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States to prioritize the
2 development and utilization of safe and reliable pipelines
3 for energy transport.

4 WHEREAS, Federal and state agencies are responsible for
5 permitting, regulating and inspecting pipeline infrastructure to
6 ensure the safety of the community and surrounding environment;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Pipelines are the physical interconnected series of
9 pipes and control mechanisms used in the gathering, processing,
10 transmission and distribution of energy products; and

11 WHEREAS, Energy products, including, but not limited to,
12 natural gas, liquid petroleum, liquefied gases, crude oil,
13 diesel fuel, home heating oil, kerosene, hydrogen, aviation and
14 jet fuels, petrochemical feedstocks and hazardous materials, can
15 be transported through their respective pipelines; and

16 WHEREAS, Construction of pipelines promotes the movement of
17 liquid and gas energy forms in a reliable, safe and cost-
18 effective manner; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States has more than 2.6 million miles of
2 pipelines that safely deliver trillions of cubic feet of natural
3 gas and hundreds of billions of tons of liquid petroleum
4 products each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Pipelines are used to transport energy from the
6 point of production to the end user; and

7 WHEREAS, Operating pipelines reduces the reliance on more
8 carbon-intensive modes of energy transportation, making
9 pipelines an environmentally beneficial method of
10 transportation; and

11 WHEREAS, Emerging technologies such as hydrogen and carbon
12 capture help reduce emissions in our energy sector but require a
13 pipeline network to operate; and

14 WHEREAS, Energy demands are increasing, indicating a greater
15 need for the construction and safe development of transporting
16 these integral sources within our Commonwealth and bordering
17 states; and

18 WHEREAS, Expansion of pipeline infrastructure networks
19 ensures that Pennsylvania maintains its status as an energy
20 leader today and for future generations; and

21 WHEREAS, Pipelines are the safest method to transport energy
22 products over long distances and in high quantities; and

23 WHEREAS, Transporting energy products through pipelines
24 results in fewer injuries and deaths and less environmental
25 damage; and

26 WHEREAS, Energy products traveling through pipelines reach
27 their final destination without incident 99.999% of the time;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Expanding a safe, secure and stable method of energy
30 transport through pipelines is imperative for protecting our

1 citizens and environment, in addition to promoting national
2 security and American energy independence; and

3 WHEREAS, Pipeline development creates sustainable short-term
4 and long-term employment opportunities for trade and union
5 workers; and

6 WHEREAS, According to data from the North American Industry
7 Classification System, nationally in 2019 there were 183,700 oil
8 and gas pipeline and related structures construction jobs and
9 51,200 pipeline transportation jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Pipeline structures are vital to the underlying
11 economy, especially to the oil and natural gas industries; and

12 WHEREAS, Employment in the oil and gas pipeline and related
13 structures construction jobs generated \$18.4 billion in labor
14 income, with value of \$20.5 billion added to the United States
15 economy; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2019, pipeline transportation jobs reflected
17 \$43.3 billion in labor income, with value of \$50.5 billion added
18 to the United States economy; and

19 WHEREAS, Promoting pipeline expansion with Pennsylvania's
20 rigorous safety standards helps mitigate risks of transporting
21 energy through other methods that may have higher incident
22 rates; and

23 WHEREAS, Enabling the safe movement of energy through
24 pipelines promotes the health and well-being of our citizens and
25 environment; and

26 WHEREAS, Unleashing and expanding pipeline production
27 reflects greater security, safety and independence of domestic
28 American energy; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
30 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United

- 1 States to prioritize the development and utilization of safe and
- 2 reliable pipelines for energy transport.