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Members of the General Assembly:

As you may know, the issue of public safety and environmental protection following the expansion of pipeline construction has become a significant public policy issue, resulting in a great deal of citizen attention and concern in southeastern Pennsylvania and across the Commonwealth.

In Chester County alone, pipeline construction projects have resulted in environmental damage such as sinkholes and contaminated drinking water, the taking of private property through eminent domain, accusations of mistreatment by pipeline land agents, harassment of residents and families, and serious health and safety concerns. As a result, elected officials statewide have introduced a wide-ranging series of bills to provide greater regulatory oversight associated with the safe construction and transportation of natural gas and natural gas liquids.

**In that regard, we are calling for the formation of a bipartisan and bicameral Pennsylvania Pipeline Safety Caucus in Pennsylvania.** The Pipeline Safety Caucus will be comprised of members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House and will work to advance the ultimate passage of comprehensive pipeline safety legislative reform, increase transparency and communication related to pipeline construction and operation, and demonstrate to the public that we, as public officials, recognize the importance of this growing public safety issue.

Further, we plan on announcing the newly formed Pipeline Safety Caucus at a rally in the Capitol Rotunda organized together with statewide community partners. **This rally will take place on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Harrisburg** and include organizations and citizens from throughout the Commonwealth concerned with the deficient regulatory framework that currently oversees pipeline construction and activity.

If you are interested in joining the bipartisan Pennsylvania Pipeline Safety Caucus and/or would like to attend and be recognized as a member of the Pipeline Safety Caucus at the rally on March 19<sup>th</sup>, please contact Don Vymazal by Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at [Don.Vymazal@pasenate.com](mailto:Don.Vymazal@pasenate.com).

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to develop and enact comprehensive, commonsense reform to ensure public safety, and protect our communities, property rights, and natural resources.

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