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The Honorable Fred Upton  
United States House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Upton:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 1900, the "Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Act." This legislation would create and enforce the necessary deadlines for both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as many other federal agencies that are involved with the approval process of natural gas pipeline projects.

H.R. 1900 would require FERC to approve or deny a pipeline permit no later than 12 months (1 year) after receiving a completed application, and it would require federal agencies to consider all completed applications within 90 days following FERC's review. The bill will also grant an additional 30 days for unanticipated circumstances.

Between now and 2035, IHS Global Insight estimates that more than \$3 trillion in investments in unconventional gas are expected to be developed. This investment would create upwards of 2.4 million jobs and generate roughly \$1.5 trillion in federal, state, and local tax revenue by 2015. These pipeline projects create good paying jobs for hard working Americans within the construction sector.

With this rapid rise in both demand and production, IHS has estimated that 47,000 miles of new pipelines are needed. Due to the current untimely permitting process, much of this production is placed on hold, costing both time and money, and forcing missed in-service dates. The financial impact that natural gas pipeline projects have on our economy is too great to be held down by the current approval process.

Thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

TERRY O'SULLIVAN  
General President

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