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The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
United States House of Representatives  
107 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Pompeo:

The purpose of my letter is to express support for H.R. 1900, the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act, as it provides the proper certainty for approving interstate pipeline projects.

H.R. 1900 recognizes the developments in shale technology and the dramatic impact these technological improvements have had on the production, transportation, delivery and end use of natural gas. In order to meet the transportation needs of increased natural gas production and demand, new infrastructure is required to move natural gas from the regions where production is growing dramatically to areas where demand is expected to increase.

Additionally, in light of the new EPA regulations impacting coal plants, natural gas transportation infrastructure will be all the more critical to support the fuel's increasingly vital role in maintaining the reliability of the electric grid. This trend shows no signs of slowing, as utilities are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to convert existing coal facilities to natural gas plants, and to construct new natural gas plants where conversion is not feasible.

In my view, H.R. 1900 will help to streamline federal multi-agency activities associated with pipeline infrastructure development and is a positive step towards improving both our natural gas infrastructure and securing our energy independence.

Your leadership on H.R. 1900 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Powelson".

Robert F. Powelson