



August 31, 2016

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
United States Senate
475 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Warner and Kaine,

Chambers of Commerce and business organizations throughout Virginia believe development of North American energy resources will create and preserve thousands of jobs and greatly benefit Virginia's economy. Central to that principle, we believe that the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline is in Virginia's best interest.

Our organizations are comprised of small and large businesses and their employees who live and work in communities all over Virginia. We know the benefits of a safe, reliable supply of domestic natural gas for Virginians are numerous. Not only would the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project create 8,800 jobs during construction, but 1,300 jobs will be supported post construction. Virginia consumers will realize \$243 million in savings annually once the pipeline is operational. In addition, millions of dollars of much needed new tax revenue will be generated that could be used for local projects and infrastructure like schools, roads, and bridges.

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline also receives the support of Governor Terry McAuliffe who recognizes its critical importance to the state. "This project is a game changer for Virginia's economy, and the benefits will be both immediate and long-lasting," said Governor McAuliffe. "In addition to the thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity that the construction of this project will create, the Atlantic Coast pipeline will lower energy costs for Virginia residents and businesses and help reduce carbon emissions in our state and region." He added, "This project will also help make Virginia the manufacturing hub of the Mid-Atlantic by enabling us to recruit job creating companies that rely on natural gas."

As this project is important to Virginia, we urge you to support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. We encourage you to communicate your support to President Obama and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Signatories:

Altavista Area Chamber of Commerce

ChamberRVA

Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce

Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce

Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Petersburg Chamber of Commerce

Prince William Chamber of Commerce

Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce