Public Comment

Algonquin Pipeline Relocation-25012-Bourne

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Dear Members of the Cape Cod Commission,

As you review the proposed Cape Cod Canal pipeline relocation, I encourage you to consider not only the infrastructure being built but also the opportunities it can create for Massachusetts workers.

Major construction projects require skilled workers and can provide pathways into well-paying careers for people entering the construction industry. Registered apprenticeship programs and partnerships with workforce development organizations can help residents gain the skills needed to participate in these projects and future infrastructure investments.

The economic benefits of construction are not limited to the direct workforce. Wages earned by construction workers support families and circulate through local businesses, restaurants, retailers, and service providers.

I encourage the Commission to explore appropriate measures that maximize local hiring, workforce training, apprenticeship participation, and high-quality employment opportunities, consistent with applicable laws and project requirements.

Public infrastructure investments should be evaluated not only on their immediate construction costs but also on their potential to build workforce skills, strengthen the regional economy, and improve essential services.

Environmental safeguards and community protections remain important. But responsible development and good jobs can go hand in hand.

Please ensure that the Commission's review recognizes the potential workforce and economic benefits of modernizing critical infrastructure and encourages the project proponents to deliver measurable benefits to the communities affected.

Respectfully,

Scott Gustafson

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