



Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, Inc.

To foster, promote, advance and protect the common interest of the people as it pertains to natural gas development through education and best environmental practices.

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Hundreds Rally in Binghamton to Support Constitution Pipeline

BINGHAMTON – April 21, 2016 – Supporters of the Constitution Pipeline rallied in Binghamton, N.Y., on Thursday to call on New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to approve water quality permits needed so that Southern Tier businesses and residents can finally enjoy affordable, reliable natural gas access made possible by the Constitution Pipeline.

With a decision imminent from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, over 400 people attended the pro-pipeline rally, which was organized by Broome County Executive Debbie Preston and the Joint Landowners Coalition of New York, and featured elected officials, local businesses, labor unions and community leaders.

Broome County Executive Debbie Preston: “We already have other pipelines running throughout our community, so I don’t understand why there is a delay for the Constitution Pipeline. The Constitution Pipeline represents nearly a \$1 billion investment in the region, with the possibility of creating thousands of jobs. This is exactly the type of investment we need in upstate New York.”

Bradford County (PA) Commissioner Doug McLinko: “Our county has witnessed first-hand the tremendous benefits of the natural gas industry and related infrastructure. By getting behind the Constitution Pipeline, New York has an opportunity to take advantage of what has the potential to be a real economic boost for its citizens and businesses. This project will generate millions of dollars in tax revenues that will benefit local communities, and will allow businesses and manufacturing to continue to operate locally.”

LiUNA Local 785 Business Manager Dave Marsh: “It is important that our leaders in Albany understand the economic implications of denying permits needed for the federally-approved Constitution Pipeline. This billion-dollar investment in our region is a vital infrastructure project that will support thousands of

much needed, high-paying jobs for our members in upstate New York. Our members want to work local. If we lose jobs locally, it doesn't just affect the workers, it affects their whole families. A lot of families need this Constitution Pipeline to go through."

Oneonta landowner/business owner Marie Lusins: "I've lived in Oneonta for more than 30 years, and I can tell you we need private investment like this to help revitalize our region. Businesses need clean, cheap energy to be attracted to and want to stay here. Our communities want natural gas to heat their homes. In supporting Constitution Pipeline, I am supporting economic growth in Otsego County and the Southern Tier."

Town of Windsor Supervisor Carolyn Price: "There are significant long term benefits from hosting this kind of infrastructure. The most notable and obvious benefit is taxes. The natural gas pipeline companies pay a substantial amount of taxes to the town of Windsor. Those gas companies paid 15.85 percent of the town of Windsor's taxes. Those are taxes that the local property owners didn't have to pay."

Constitution Pipeline received Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval for the project in December 2014. The project is currently awaiting the Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project is projected to support about 2,400 direct and indirect jobs that would be created during pipeline construction, generating \$130 million in labor income for the region. It is also expected to generate approximately \$13 million in annual property tax revenue, most of which will benefit local school districts along the pipeline route.

In addition, Constitution Pipeline and Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC have announced plans to install four delivery taps along Constitution's proposed route to facilitate local natural gas service to homes and businesses in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania. Companies like Amphenol Aerospace in Sidney and the Raymond Corporation in Greene are counting on natural gas supplies to run their business into the future. Currently, more than fifty percent of Southern Tier and Central New York residents rely on fuel oils to heat their homes; while a mere eight percent are able to utilize lower-cost, cleaner-burning natural gas. And, converting to natural gas from fuel oils cuts greenhouse gas emissions by at least 30%.

About The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York

The mission of The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York (JLCNY) is to foster, promote, advance and protect the common interest of the people as it pertains to natural gas development through education and best environmental practices. JLCNY gathers and provides factual, objective information about safe and responsible natural gas development to landowners and community members. ###