

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THORNBURY TOWNSHIP,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

TO

THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
THE PENNSYLVANIA SENATE,
AND
THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REGARDING THE NEED FOR POLICY CHANGE IN LAW AND REGULATION OF
INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE OIL AND GAS PIPELINES

WHEREAS state and federal legislatures and their elected members must invest the time and due diligence to reevaluate current policy, regulations, and the legal framework for the siting and construction of oil and gas pipelines; and

WHEREAS local municipal governments are impacted, burdened, and under-resourced to effectively plan and prepare for the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens when oil and gas pipelines are constructed in their communities; and

WHEREAS the historical legal framework for locating oil and gas pipelines is outdated in its failure to recognize and address changes in land use, development activity, and population density; and

WHEREAS the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors supports Thomas Jefferson's position that "the government closest to the people serves the people best."

THEREFORE it is incumbent upon the Governor, Pennsylvania Senate, and Pennsylvania House of Representatives of this Commonwealth to:

1. Develop a policy for determining the location of oil and gas pipelines for the common good of all of the citizens of this Commonwealth.
2. Reevaluate the legal framework for the siting of oil and gas pipelines to allow for an active role by local governments, including the authority to directly participate and responsibly influence the siting process.
3. Reevaluate the legal framework for oil and gas pipelines to establish "easement saturation standards" that recognize the public safety as well as practical limitations for the number of pipelines, size of pipelines, and character of the products transmitted within a given pipeline easement.
4. Reevaluate the legal framework for oil and gas pipelines to provide funding resources to local governments that host oil and gas pipelines, to enable local governments to

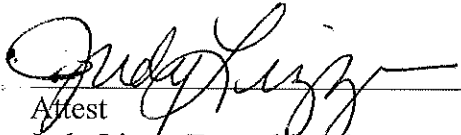
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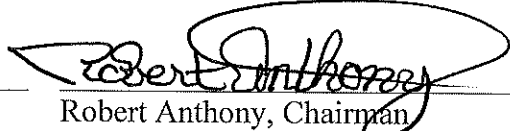
effectively review, inspect, monitor and provide emergency planning for these 'industrial highways' to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of their residents.

5. Establish a Pennsylvania Agency tasked with the authority for the siting (with municipal input) and regulation of oil and gas pipelines, both during construction and when in service, in order to minimize adverse impacts on the citizens of this Commonwealth, or, in the alternative, restructure the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to provide adequate and effective funding, resources, and legislative tools to perform this function.
6. Utilize the influence of the Governor, Pennsylvania Senate, and Pennsylvania House of Representatives to affect similar changes applicable to interstate pipelines at the Federal level.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of February 2018.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THORNBURY TOWNSHIP


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