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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Umpqua Valley Home Builders Association (UVHBA) Board of Directors, would like to offer our support of the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline and LNG Terminal. Our decision was based on several factors: economic impact, energy supply and the impact on private land owners.

It is our belief that the construction of the pipeline and the terminal will provide a much needed boost to the economy by providing an estimated 1,800 temporary jobs and another 120 permanent jobs here in Southern Oregon. Jobs, even temporary jobs, are greatly needed in this area and we are pleased to see the effort is being made to help stimulate the Southern Oregon job market.

Additionally, we believe that the need for natural gas in Southern Oregon will continue to increase in the future and we must take the necessary steps to maintain access to natural gas for property owners. The creation of the pipeline will help to fulfill the future demand for natural gas that, without the new pipeline, is not projected to be met with the preexisting pipeline.

The final issue we were concerned about was the impact on the private land owners. We believe that necessary efforts are being taken to be attentive and sensitive to land owners directly affected by the pipeline right of way.

In an effort to encourage economic growth within our community, the UVHBA Board of Directors would like to lend our support to the construction of the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline and LNG Terminal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Conroy-Yockim".

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