*Sample Letters to Newspaper Editors from Leaders*

Dear Editor:

Your report on the [*name of pipeline project*] did not stress strongly enough the safety of modern pipelines. It is correct that of the 2.5 million miles of pipeline in the U.S. some are past their lifespan and need repair. However, that is unrelated to the proposed [*name of project*]. Pipelines built today are state-of-the art. They are constructed from superior materials with continual remote monitoring and automatic safety shut-off technology. In addition, this pipeline would be built by LIUNA members who are proud to be experts in constructing pipelines. LIUNA workers have a strong voice on the job and can speak out against any hazards. They undergo extensive skills training, including as many as 164 hours of pipeline-specific instruction. On top of that many of them are hunting and fishing enthusiasts who care about the environment as much as anyone.

Sincerely,

[*name and title*]

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your article on the [*name of project*]. Despite some opposition, the facts remain. The project would put [*x number*] of local, skilled men and women to work in family-supporting careers. Their safety record is impeccable. And, as experts will verify, the pipeline will actually help reduce climate change on two fronts. First, natural gas emits significantly less carbon that other fossil fuels. And, transportation by pipeline emits less carbon that transporting fuels by truck or rail. In fact, a recent ProPublica special report also found that transporting fuel by pipeline is 70 times safer than by truck.

Sincerely,

[*name and title*]

*Sample Letters to Newspaper Editors from Members*

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the [*name of project*]. I have a [*xx-year*] career building pipelines that will supply our country’s energy for the future. I am proud of my work and I tell my friends I know the pipeline will be safe because I’m the one that builds it. For the sake of hundreds of family’s who rely on this work, let’s get the project approved.

Sincerely,

[*name and local union*]

Dear Editor:

I am writing regarding the [*name of project].* This pipeline and others like it can make our country energy independent. Prior to my career as a pipeliner, I served two tours in Iraq. Thousands of soldiers put their lives on the line, while at the same time our country is supporting hostile nations by relying on them for energy. It’s time to stop supporting countries and regions that hate America and become energy independent.

Sincerely,

[*name and local union]*