

## **New Energy Project Can Create Good Jobs, Secure Our Energy Future**

*[Name of LIUNA Local]* are helping to win approval for *[name of project]*, a new natural gas project that will help create good jobs and secure the energy future of *[state]* and of America.

LIUNA is supporting the project for many of the same reasons a broad array of groups are – because our nation needs less reliance on energy from nations and regions that want to destroy our country and because it will create *[insert number]* family-supporting construction careers.

These are not just jobs and this is not just a pipeline. As many of our members know, building energy infrastructure can lead to steady, reliable work and opportunities for advancement. It is a lifeline to the middle class. *[Name of project]* is also expected to increase the supply of affordable fuel in *[state]*.

LIUNA members have been safely building pipelines for more than a century. Safety is a cornerstone of our training. Each year, our organization trains about 150,000 workers and invests \$100 million in training through more than 70 fixed and mobile training centers. These centers offer accredited, hands-on training and certifications, including 164 hours of pipeline specific instruction. In just the last year, LIUNA members helped more than 100 pipeline operators build and maintain projects.

We not only build safe, we make sure that any land which is disturbed is returned to its original condition, or better. And what we build stays safe. Today's pipelines have sophisticated monitoring equipment to detect risks and to automatically shut down if needed. They are the safest way to transport fuels. In fact, a recent report showed that transporting fuels by pipelines is 70 times safer than by truck.

Because we have the experience, skills and dedication to make sure energy work is done safely and protects communities and workers, we can help this industry continue to grow.

All members are encouraged to get involved and join the effort to approve *[name of project]*.