



March 4, 2022

Tom Wolf, Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

The current European crisis, punctuated by Russia's brazen and unprovoked invasion of a sovereign democratic nation, has affected all Americans. The situation in Ukraine and beyond its borders is heartbreaking, and a crisis of humanity that we all have an obligation to help in any way we can.

The United States cannot ignore the role that access to energy is playing in the geopolitical strife that has, so far, culminated in the war that Russia is waging against Ukraine and its people. European energy policies that reduced natural gas production and the amount of natural gas held in storage for winter, combined with weather conditions that significantly reduced wind power, all culminated in increased reliance on Russian oil and natural gas. Russia supplies 40% of Europe's natural gas, and insecurity regarding whether the supply could be cut off or curtailed has impacted both Europe's and America's response to the military action in Ukraine.

Here in the United States, we have seen the ramifications of poor energy policy decisions. New England faces annual challenges to meet its energy needs, with significant dependence on importing natural gas from other nations. Just this January, liquefied natural gas tankers sat offshore of Boston – loaded with foreign natural gas – waiting for prices to spike before agreeing to sell their product to local utilities. In the absence of dependable supplies of natural gas, generators in New England ramped up their use of fuel oil for electricity which resulted in a drastic increase in emissions and a deterioration of air quality. Natural gas produced right here in Pennsylvania could very easily have helped to alleviate this unnecessary added cost to consumers. Additionally, it could have prevented negative environmental consequences had the elected officials of key states not blocked pipeline development.

As America contemplates how to best respond to this situation, we are disappointed to see the unfounded and unnecessary accusations claiming that Pennsylvania businesses and their employees are simply motivated to 'line their pockets' in the midst of a crisis. Such an assertion is inaccurate and unwarranted. All interests must rise above inflammatory rhetoric and band together to use every available tool to face the threat to European – and by extension American – security.

Pennsylvania alone cannot solve the European crisis, and without question there are key factors beyond energy that have led to the current crisis. However, strategically utilizing an abundant asset of our nation to assist the long-term needs of our allies can only be beneficial to stabilizing

the world, while continuing to make progress on key issues such as reducing energy poverty and protecting our environment.

To this end, it is important to keep in mind that from a climate perspective, the Clean Air Task Force has noted that Russian-produced natural gas has a 65% *higher* methane intensity than natural gas produced in the United States – and natural gas produced right here in the Appalachian Basin has the lowest methane intensity of any large basin in the entire country. In short, we are not only able to be a leader on energy security for America and our allies, but we can do so in an environmentally responsible manner.

Now is the time for constructive engagement, and our member companies and their employees – proud of their contributions to our economy, environmental progress and national security – stand ready to partner with all of our elected officials to advance these shared interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Callahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David E. Callahan  
President