



US 70 Corridor Commission

Subject: Help Eastern North Carolina prosper again

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Good Morning [Afternoon],

If you're a "homegrown child" like I am, you know how special Eastern North Carolina is and remember the days when we were a significant contributor to our state's economy. That is no longer our reality. Today, we're experiencing economic decline, stagnant job growth and an exodus of our educated youth. That's why I'm asking you to [join me in supporting the Atlantic Coast Pipeline](#).

We currently lack the necessary infrastructure to attract manufacturers and businesses that need energy provided by natural gas. As a result, it's a real struggle to keep a workforce here.

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline is an opportunity of a lifetime to provide the energy needed to boost our economy and generate new opportunities for our people. It means more jobs, better economic stability and more affordable, reliable energy to power our homes and businesses.

As a close-knit community, we care for each other and we want to see our children and our grandchildren stay and build a life here. Let's take a stand to provide a better quality of life in Eastern North Carolina, and save a region that's worthy of saving. In order for Eastern N.C. to prosper and regain economic significance, we must have infrastructure; roads, broadband and natural gas. The pipeline is an important piece of needed infrastructure and will reduce energy costs throughout our region. But we must work with our partners; Duke Energy, Old Dominion, Piedmont Gas and the State of North Carolina to transition the pipeline to our farmers, businesses and economic development interests in order to provide jobs and new economic opportunities.

I encourage you to express your support to our elected leaders and to our industry partners, Duke, Old Dominion and Piedmont.

Time is of the essence.

Please [send a letter of support](#) to our elected officials, the Pipeline Partners and all approval authorities.

Thank you,

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