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Michigan Chemistry Council Highlights Importance of Natural Gas

John Dulmes, Executive Director of the Michigan Chemistry Council (MCC), recently joined the Coalition for the Expansion of Pipeline Infrastructure (CEPI), a diverse partnership of businesses, trade associations and labor groups that collectively support the expansion of energy infrastructure in the Midwest, for a discussion of natural gas infrastructure and its importance to MCC members.

As Mr. Dulmes relates, natural gas serves as a feedstock for a number of consumer products, from plastics, tires, rubber and insulation to clothing and household goods. Further, natural gas fuels energy-intensive chemical manufacturers. Access to an affordable supply of this natural resource, then, is critical to members of the chemical manufacturing industry and businesses throughout the region.

The Michigan Forest Products Council (MFPC) is committed to informing the public about the benefits of sustainable management of Michigan's natural forest resources. The forest industry itself is very energy-intensive, requiring large amounts of power to process forest products and turn them into the many everyday goods consumers rely on.

One project that stands to provide this much-needed access is the Rover Pipeline, a proposed interstate natural gas pipeline that will transport domestically-produced natural gas to markets in Ohio, West Virginia, and Michigan. Along the way, the project will generate approximately \$1 billion in direct spending. Construction will create 1,000 to 1,500 employment opportunities in Michigan alone, and add \$8.7 million in sales tax revenue to the Michigan state resources.

MFPC stands with MCC in supporting the responsible construction of our region's infrastructure. We're proud members of the Coalition for the Expansion of Pipeline Infrastructure, and look forward to continuing to educate consumers on the importance of natural gas in Michigan and throughout the Midwest.

View the full video here: http://bit.ly/10sPdLi



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