



May 9, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

On behalf of energy consumers, families and small businesses all across the United States, we would like to thank you for your leadership and steadfast support for critical energy infrastructure. Over the last few years, bureaucratic red tape and regulatory uncertainty have delayed or prevented the construction of pipelines, powerlines, and other energy infrastructure projects, hurting American workers and American families. Ensuring expeditious consideration and approval of energy infrastructure projects will benefit our economy and families and small businesses throughout the United States.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) plays a key role in evaluating and approving critical energy infrastructure projects. The lack of a quorum has limited the FERC's ability to act on these projects. We were pleased to see President Trump recently nominate two highly qualified individuals to fill the vacancies on the Commission, and we urge you to move quickly in holding hearings to evaluate these nominees and move them towards what we hope will be a swift confirmation process in the Senate.

Consumer Energy Alliance is a nationwide organization of over 450,000 individuals and businesses committed to supporting policies at the local, state and federal levels that ensure abundant, affordable, and reliable domestic energy supplies for American families. Ensuring that the FERC has the necessary leadership and staff to conduct the work of the commission is of vital importance to all Americans.

We look forward to working with you and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as you consider energy policies and projects benefiting American energy consumers and enhancing American competitiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Holt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David Holt  
President  
Consumer Energy Alliance