



## empowering young people to own their economic success

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Dear Ms. Coleman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on behalf of Sunoco Logistics and to ask for the approval of their applications for environmental permits (Chapter 105 - Water Obstruction and Encroachment and Chapter 102 - Erosion & Sediment Control). As Vice President of Development for Junior Achievement, the region's oldest and largest youth development organization, I see the many benefits Sunoco Logistics brings to communities where they work, live and play and the overall positive impact of this project for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Junior Achievement came to western Pennsylvania in 1939 to better prepare our young people to become business owners, entrepreneurs and community leaders. Over those 77 years more than 2 million young people have participated in JA programs focused on workforce development, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Companies like Sunoco Logistics provide volunteer and financial support which allows Junior Achievement to meet its mission to empower young people to own their economic success.

In addition to the thousands of construction jobs this will create and hundreds of permanent positions, this project will ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the natural gas industry here in the Commonwealth. This will benefit our workforce and our citizens in a number of ways including family sustaining wages, traffic for our local businesses and prosperity for many Pennsylvanians. It will also benefit our environment by providing cleaner burning fuel for use by manufacturing, industrial and residential customers.

A direct example of Sunoco Logistics impact in the community has been their support of Junior Achievement's development of JA Careers in Energy, a program that teaches students the economics of energy exploration, the many jobs associated with energy, along with teaching students about environmental and community stewardship. This program is provided to schools and students in communities where Sunoco Logistics and other energy-related companies are working.

Thanks to Sunoco Logistics, students in communities located across Pennsylvania get the opportunity to explore, discuss and even debate the development of energy and energy jobs in the region. Over 5,000 students to be exact since the program's inception in 2011.

Sunoco Logistics takes their role in the community very seriously and while I have witnessed this through their support of my organization, I also see it with numerous community organizations. You will find Sunoco Logistics volunteering for a wide range of community programs, and they regularly invest in programs that provide quality of life benefits to their neighbors.

I support their applications due to my experience of working with Sunoco Logistics over the last several years as I believe they can and will be a great partner for Pennsylvania.

Sincerely.