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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: H.R. 5301 - Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2025

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The International Union of Operating Engineers appreciates your bipartisan leadership on the reauthorization of pipeline safety legislation and supports H.R. 5301, the Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2025.

The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) is one of North America's leading construction unions, representing over 410,000 hardworking men and women in the United States and Canada. Most members of the IUOE work in the construction sector, operating and maintaining heavy equipment. We also represent stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes.


As a signatory to the National Pipeline Agreement, the IUOE represents the skilled workforce at the forefront of addressing the nation's energy needs. Our members possess specialized training and years of practical experience building the energy infrastructure that powers our country, including such notable projects as the Hoover Dam, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, and countless power plants and pipelines.

The IUOE supports the safety oversight of millions of miles of existing pipelines – as well as new carbon dioxide and hydrogen pipelines – contained in the PIPES Act, and the dedication of funds to replacing aging pipes.

In addition to protecting workers, the legislation contains tougher penalties on those who seek to damage our energy infrastructure and the streamlining of regulations so energy can move to markets without unnecessary delays.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. The Operating Engineers look forward to collaborating with you to advance this legislation.

Respectfully,

  
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