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Dear Chairman Albert,

On behalf of the Morgan County Commission, I write to offer our full support of Mountaineer Gas Company's plan to expand capacity of its existing natural gas distribution system in the Eastern Panhandle. We are particularly pleased for the realization of one of our long stated goals of bringing natural gas service to Morgan County.

The Morgan County Commission acknowledges the lack of natural gas service has restricted potential commercial and industrial growth. Businesses and industries that considered Morgan County for expansion have located in other areas due, in part, to the absence of natural gas service here in the county. Having natural gas service available in Morgan County will help attract businesses and industries to the area which will create new and diverse employment opportunities for the residents of Morgan County. These projects will also generate new tax revenue for local and state governments which will further diversify the economy. In addition, this expansion project will also provide local homeowners with a viable and potentially cheaper alternative energy source for their homes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of this very important infrastructure project. Without access to natural gas, Morgan County will have difficulty attracting businesses that require affordable and diverse access to energy. I encourage you to approve this project as it will enhance our ability to create jobs and grow the economy here in Morgan County and West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Close, President  
Morgan County Commission