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Chairman Manning, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee. On behalf of the 20,000 working men and women that are part of the Ohio Laborers District Council I would like to offer our support of Senate Resolution 121.

Ohio's economic strength and job market heavily rely on the natural gas sector and its pipeline network.

Senate Resolution 121 highlights the industry's significant contribution, supporting 375,000 jobs (5.3% of Ohio's employment) and adding \$58.8 billion to the state's GDP in 2019.

Access to natural gas is crucial for affordable energy and the growth of labor-intensive industries, yet many areas in Ohio lack sufficient pipeline infrastructure. SR121 advocates for ongoing investment in natural gas infrastructure, aiming to ensure affordable energy for all Ohioans.

The Laborers' District Council of Ohio stands in support of SR121, endorsing its passage.

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