

**STATEMENT**  
**In Support of**  
**The Millennium Pipeline Project**

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak today in support of the Millennium Pipeline. ~~My name is Peter Creegan, and I am the president of the Ornamental Iron Workers Local Union 580.~~ As a representative of more than 3,000 workers, retirees and their families, I urge you to support the Millennium Project. As a lifelong resident of New York State, I urge that the ~~New York State~~ Department of Commerce complete its review and support FERC's decision that the pipeline is an acceptable and needed energy project as proposed.

If I may be brief, the New York State Department of State had years to express and detail its concerns with regard to New York's coastal zone management regulations and issues. I urge you to reject this veiled attempt at using our coastal zone management powers as a tool by a handful of ~~corporations~~ who are now trying to manipulate the system for their own agenda. I think it's time we called a spade the shovel that it is. There is a larger public good at stake here, and I urge everyone to become part of it.

The Millennium has received, with the exception of the New York Department of State, the blessing of every key agency to cross the Hudson River at a uniformly agreed-to location. I call on the Department of Commerce to flatly reject any attempt to change the routing and relocate the pipeline into other neighborhoods.

Let me again go on record, as others have, that this pipeline project as proposed meets Governor Pataki's often-stated goal to develop clean energy projects. It will help satisfy the growing demand in our state to protect our environment by decreasing harmful emissions. In addition to its many economic benefits, the pipeline will result in cleaner air for our families today and our children's families of tomorrow. Thank you.

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