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Dr. Homer Wilkes  
Under Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
c/o Jefferson National Forest  
MVP Project  
5162 Valleypointe Parkway  
Roanoke, VA 24019

Subject: MVP and Equitrans Expansion Project Supplemental EIS No. 50036

Dear Dr. Wilkes:

With more than 29,000 member companies, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is the leading advocacy organization for business and economic growth in the Commonwealth. The Chamber is dedicated to working at the state and federal levels to champion long-term economic growth in Virginia, and it is with this mission in mind that the Chamber submits this letter in support of Mountain Valley Pipeline's requested permit to cross approximately 3.5 miles of the Jefferson National Forest.

The Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) is expected to generate millions of dollars in economic activity when it resumes its final phase of construction, and when it enters into service late this year. Construction of this essential infrastructure project provides for significant numbers of jobs for Virginians, as well as substantial tax revenue for local and state governments.

Manufacturing companies, like many major employers, depend on access to natural gas to fuel their business operations because it is reliable and cleaner than coal, and it is also affordable and abundant in the U.S. These features can allow businesses to increase efficiency, boost output and pass along savings to consumers while strengthening U.S. energy independence.

Mountain Valley has made tremendous progress constructing the pipeline. It is poised to resolve permitting challenges and complete work in the second half of this year. The Forest Service has thoroughly reviewed information related to the project's potential sedimentation impacts and has confirmed that the project can be built safely and responsibly.

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce supports the MVP project and respectfully requests the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management grant the necessary authorizations for Mountain Valley to complete construction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry E. DuVal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'D'.

Barry E. DuVal  
President and CEO