

# Construction Laborers' Local Union 499



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Township of Marion  
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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Members of Laborers' Local 499 and in support of the proposed ET Rover pipeline that is proposed to be constructed in the Township of Marion. This is a \$4.3 billion investment that will employ hundreds of Michigan Laborers, many who live in your Township and throughout Livingston County. Most importantly, this project will inject millions of dollars into local communities from purchases made by the construction company and its crews, payments to property owners for easements, and tax revenue to the state and township.

The Members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), are involved in many aspects of the production and transmission of natural gas. We prepare and repair sites; we strengthen and repair roads; we build feeder and mainline pipelines; we build processing and compression plants, and maintain those plants under high standards designed to protect the workers and the people who live in surrounding communities. The United States Energy Information Administration forecasts that natural gas production will increase dramatically over the next two decades. Most importantly, this pipeline represents a clean source of energy and will help our nation become energy independent.

Last year, LIUNA Members in Michigan worked over 1,000,000 hours on pipeline construction and maintenance. The Michigan Laborers' Training & Apprenticeship Institute (MLTAI) has built a reputation as one of the safest and most productive facilities in the nation with more ANSI Certified Instructors than any training center. The MLTAI has certified over 650 Members in pipeline construction safety & technology since the U.S. Department of Transportation's Operator Qualification (OQ) Rule went into effect. We pride ourselves on having the most educated, prepared, safe and highly skilled workforce in the industry.

The Members of Laborers' Local 499, and our signatory contractors, look forward to building the ET Rover pipeline. Our Members live and work in your community, and I look forward to working with you on this project. This pipeline is an excellent opportunity to be at the forefront as we build the next generation of clean energy infrastructure that will help make our nation less dependent on foreign energy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Malcolm  
Business Manager