

## **Supporting Quotes for the Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair Act of 2025**

“Pipeline Safety Trust commends Senator Luján, Senator Markey, Representative Peters and Representative Carter for their leadership in championing the finalization of PHMSA’s advanced leak detection and repair rule. Finalizing this rule is a long overdue step toward protecting communities living near gas pipelines. Allowing entirely preventable and dangerous gas leaks to go unaddressed puts lives at risk. This legislation ensures that operators are required to find and fix leaks before they become disasters. It’s a commonsense safety improvement that will save lives, and we strongly support it,” **said Erin Sutherland, Policy & Program Director/Counsel at Pipeline Safety Trust.**

“Rigorous pipeline maintenance is essential for keeping our communities and environment safe from leaking natural gas pipelines and reducing methane waste,” **said Joanna Slaney, Vice President for Political and Governmental Affairs at the Environmental Defense Fund.** “Natural gas pipelines leak enough each year to meet the gas needs of nearly 2.5 million homes. Senator Lujan, Senator Markey, Representative Peters, and Representative Carter’s proposed legislation will reduce this waste, stop dangerous leaks of natural gas pollution and keep our air clean by updating decades-old leak detection and repair requirements for natural gas pipelines.”

“There is a vast network of pipelines buried beneath our communities that we often do not think much about, but these pipelines can rupture or leak posing serious hazards to both our health and the environment. While regular inspections can avoid such harms, many pipelines are infrequently, or never, inspected. The Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair Act of 2025 will help by requiring more frequent inspections, clarify reporting requirements, and ensure that leaks are repaired in a timely manner. Federal oversight of this infrastructure will provide consistent rules across our states - helping ensure the air we breathe is clean, people who live here are safe, and our climate is protected,” **said Laurie Anderson, Field Organizer, Moms Clean Air Force Colorado Chapter.**

“The Trump administration is sitting on critical safeguards that would require gas pipelines to stop leaking dangerous pollutants—putting the health and safety of communities at risk. This bill is a needed correction. It ensures the Department of Transportation does its job by strengthening leak prevention rules. Congress should pass it without delay,” **said Amy Mall, Director, Fossil Fuels, Natural Resources Defense Council.**

“People in Appalachia have fought hard to keep massive fracked-gas pipelines out of their properties and communities in part because of the devastation to the land and the risk of methane leaks and explosions,” **said Quenton King, Government Affairs Specialist at Appalachian Voices.** “This legislation will help keep people safe by requiring stronger leak detection standards and practices that even industry agreed on

years ago. We're grateful for Congressional leadership in addressing concerns about dangerous fracked-gas pipelines."