

North Central Mass. Chamber endorses Kinder Morgan pipeline project

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FITCHBURG -- The North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce announced today it is supporting the controversial Kinder Morgan Northeast Expansion Project.

"It is clear that energy costs remain a major concern for many businesses and a major economic development issue for our region and state. Increasing the state's limited pipeline capacity will help reduce costs and meet our future needs," wrote Chamber President Roy Nascimento in the announcement.

Included in the announcement was the "formal" position statement adopted by the chamber's board of directors and government affairs committee.

"(The chamber) supports measures and initiatives that support and encourage a reliable, diverse and more affordable energy supply that keeps pace with the region's growing population and economy, while protecting our environment," according to the chamber's position statement.

"Given the strained natural gas capacity in New England and the region's increasing reliance on natural gas for our electricity, the NCMC supports the development of the pipeline to transport natural gas into the region and state," according to the chamber.