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Dear Secretary Chiavetta, *Rosemary*

This letter is written in opposition to Sunoco's pipeline request involving many areas of Pennsylvania, but especially three municipalities in my Senatorial District - Fairview Township in York County, and Hampden and Lower Frankford Townships in Cumberland County.

Sunoco is seeking to be established as an official public utility corporation, which would exempt its pipelines, pump station and valve control stations from local zoning, subdivision and local development regulation.

The prime reason I voted against Act 13 was the language it contained allowing local regulations to be overridden. A decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court late last year affirmed a municipality's right to zone for oil and gas operations. Also, York County Common Pleas Judge Stephen Linebaugh last month reaffirmed his decision that Sunoco is a pipeline carrier, not a public utility, thus preventing it from taking land by eminent domain.

I believe my constituents deserve to be heard and municipalities to have the ability to enforce local ordinances. The comment period ends April 21st. It is unknown how quickly the PUC will hear Sunoco's request. This in no way is meant to negate the progress of the natural gas infrastructure in our area, but only that companies should abide by local zoning ordinances in doing so.

I urge the Public Utility Commission to deny the request granting public utility status to Sunoco Pipeline L.P. A positive decision could drastically change the landscape of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Patricia H. Vance
Senator, 31st District

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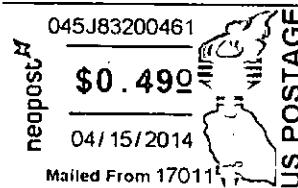
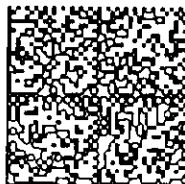
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