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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta,
Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Second Room
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Meghan Flynn, et al. v. Sunoco Pipeline
L.P. FLYNN FORMAL COMPLAINT AND PETITION
Complaint No. C-2018-3006116
Docket No. P-2018-3006117

Secretary Chiavetta:

I am writing to you today in support of the above referenced complaint, whereby the petitioners request the PUC to conduct a review of Sunoco's public awareness program, and in the event the PUC determines that Sunoco is unable to comply with applicable law, a final Order directing Sunoco to cease operations of the ME1 and workaround pipeline as defined in the Complaint.

The workaround pipeline would increase the volume of dangerous, hazardous, and highly volatile liquids being transported through densely populated parts of Chester and Delaware Counties, including parts of the Downingtown Area School District exposing thousands of children to unnecessary risk. Combined with already repurposed ME1, the risk of injury, death, and property damage is significantly greater for the impacted geographic area. I support the requirement that the Commission perform a thorough review of Sunoco's public awareness program, including public outreach and education process, and emergency procedures sufficient to ensure the safety of the public in the event of a leak or rupture of a pipeline.

So far, Sunoco failed to provide to our community any legally adequate guidance, such as an emergency notification system or emergency management plan, practices and procedures and training protocols that address the conditions, adequacy, efficiency, safety and reasonableness of ME1 and workaround pipeline, ME2, and ME2X including but not limited to the integrity of the ME1 pipe and its welds, pipe materials, wall thicknesses, depths of cover over ME1, and distances of said lines from residences, schools and hospitals. Based on Sunoco L.P.'s safety history referenced in the Complaint, we suggest that this be a standard requirement in every municipality, including those located in the Downingtown Area School District, and that operations on Mariner pipelines be halted until such time that the safety of our communities and environment are assured to the maximum extent possible.

Respectfully, on behalf of the residents of Downingtown,

Josh Maxwell
Mayor of Downingtown