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Secretary
Pennsylvania PUC
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Harrisburg PA 17120

Public Comment: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Proposed Rulemaking for Hazardous Liquids Pipelines
Docket: L-2019-3010267

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for more stringent regulations for hazardous liquid pipelines that run through our state.

I live in Chester County where the dangerous Mariner East pipeline project has made the need for these enhancements abundantly clear, with its history of false information from land agents; impacts to surface waters and aquifers; destruction of private water wells; numerous sinkholes; pipelines installed mere inches apart; and pipelines located through school yards, places of public assembly, senior and assisted living facilities, and other high-consequence areas, leaving communities with no plausible plan to warn and protect people in the event of a leak

I urge the PUC to enact the strongest regulations possible to protect Pennsylvanians, including but not limited to the following:

- Stricter accident reporting with quicker turnaround
- Emergency Procedures Manual developed with emergency responders with regular updates and biannual drills
- No hazardous pipeline construction under homes, buildings, and public places
- More emergency shutoff valves at closer intervals
- Thorough geological review before, during, and after pipeline construction
- Land agents must be licensed attorneys, real estate brokers, engineers, land surveyors, or geologists
- Mandatory water supply testing for all well owners who live within 1,000 feet of pipelines
- Establishing minimum spacing between pipelines
- Vehicle barriers around valve stations
- Leak detection systems

I urge the PUC to enact and enforce the most stringent regulations possible to protect Pennsylvanians, putting the public's safety ahead of the special interests and profits of the oil and gas industry.

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