

March 18, 2015

Hon. Charles E. Schumer  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Your Response to the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Proposal**

Dear Senators Schumer and Gillibrand:

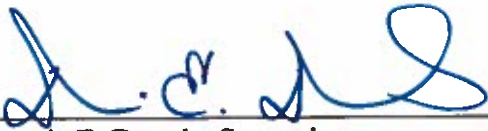
As you are no doubt aware, the energy corporation, Kinder Morgan, has filed preliminary documents with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), to construct a 430-mile high pressure gas pipeline which will bisect Rensselaer County through the towns of Schodack, Nassau and Stephentown. Your immediate public position on this project is vital to voters in our communities, who will be dramatically impacted by this project.

It is estimated that this new pipeline will transport 1.2 billion to 2.2 billion cubic feet a day of natural gas to Dracut, Massachusetts. This industrial project is expected to mostly parallel the National Grid high voltage transmission lines running through our communities where it will claim additional hundreds of feet of private property throughout its course. Many of our residents have expressed concerns regarding impacts on: safety, property values, protection from government imposed eminent domain, impact of the industrial compressor station and sensitive habitat fragmentation. It is also important to note that this gas is going to Massachusetts and none of our communities are expected to benefit from this energy supply.

This is a federally regulated project. Our voice is limited without the support of our federal officials. We strongly encourage you to take a position on this project to aid the New Yorkers that you represent.

We stand ready, together, to meet with you and discuss our concerns and united interests in this project.

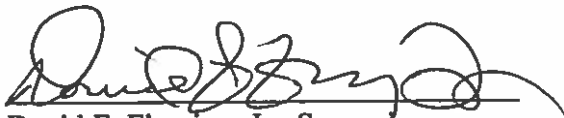
Very truly yours,



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Lawrence K. Eckhardt, Supervisor  
Town of Stephentown



David F. Fleming, Jr., Supervisor  
Town of Nassau