



Senator Kathleen A. Marchione

November 5, 2015

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

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator
478 Russell
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Schumer and Gillibrand:

Last April, I wrote to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expressing my strong opposition to the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline project (aka, the Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline Project). I opposed the project for reasons related to the health, safety and well-being of the families I represent, as well as concerns regarding how the proposed project would negatively impact local property values and provide no tangible reciprocal benefit in terms of jobs or economic development for the host community.

Today, I write asking that, in your official capacity as New York's voices in the United States Senate, you stand with me and thousands of local families in opposing the construction of a proposed gas compressor station in the Town of Nassau. While I recognize, and appreciate, that you recently wrote to FERC expressing your concerns, I am officially requesting that you continue to use your influence and oversight capacity with any appropriate Federal entity that has the power to stop the proposed gas compressor station project from moving forward.

I share the concerns of local families that the proposed gas compressor station would negatively impact the special quality of life in the Town of Nassau and surrounding communities. The light and noise pollution expected to be caused by the proposed gas compressor station will inflict serious – and potentially irreparable – damage to the community's scenic beauty and rural charm. The fact that the proposed gas compressor station would drive down local property values is another example of how the project is detrimental to the quality of life for area families.

Along with the aforementioned quality of life challenges posed by the gas compressor station, I share my constituents' serious concerns about the negative health and safety impacts that may result from this project. Local families are worried about potential exposure to toxic chemicals and pollution leaks from the gas compressor station.

In addition, the project's proposed location is approximately 2,000 feet from Rensselaer County's Burden Lake, a natural resource that would be fouled in the event a leak occurred at the proposed facility. Frankly, the very idea of placing a large gas compressor station 2,000 feet from a body of water home to 19 different fish species and a popular source of water recreational activities, demonstrates that this proposed project was not the product of careful forethought or consideration for the local community or surrounding ecosystem.

It is my hope that you will recognize the strong, growing and principled local opposition to this proposed gas compressor station. I ask that you stand with us in working to stop the gas compressor station project from moving forward. I thank you both for your consideration of this request made on behalf of our mutual constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Marchione". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen A. Marchione
State Senator, 43rd District

CC: Congressman Chris Gibson
Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino
Rensselaer County Legislature Chairman Stan Brownell
Nassau Town Supervisor David Fleming
Schodack Town Supervisor Dennis Dowds
Stephentown Town Supervisor Larry Eckhardt