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Chairman Stanley Brownell
Rensselaer County Legislature
1600 7th Avenue
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Dear Chairman Brownell,

At last week's Legislative Public Forum, I heard the message loud and clear that an overwhelming number of residents want you to bring the August version of the Well Water Protection Law to the table for a vote on the 13th. These well-informed residents of the County are correctly fearful that the NED Pipeline, if approved, would result in an unprecedented level of blasting, putting their wells in jeopardy without much hope of compensation—not to mention the associated health and safety hazards.

At the Public Forum, you stated that the August version is still alive and would be brought up for a vote. I have been informed that this will not happen; and in fact, the Legislature will be voting on a flawed bill targeted at entities exercising the power of eminent domain. Several attorneys at the Public Forum stated that the eminent domain version was unenforceable, unconstitutional and would put the County at risk of serious and expensive litigation.

As the Supervisor of the Town of Sand Lake, I ask the Legislature to live up to its commitment to the residents of Rensselaer County and do the right thing – vote for the August version of the bill with the amendments that Mr. Charles Sullivan provided. I also expect that the “eminent domain” version of the bill will be withdrawn from consideration.

As Chairman of the Rensselaer County Legislature, you have the ability to demonstrate leadership and guide the members of the Legislature to protect the residents of Rensselaer County.

Thank you,

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Cc: Members of the Legislature