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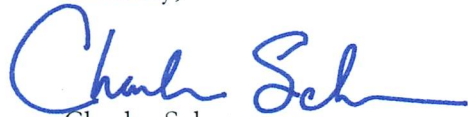
Dear Chairman Bay,

We write to you with significant concerns regarding the impact from the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline (NED) (Docket No. PF14-22-000) project on the residents of Rensselaer County, New York. Kinder Morgan proposes to build a 41,000 horsepower compressor station in Nassau, NY to support an expansion of the NED Pipeline from Pennsylvania, through New York, to service New England area customers. Due to the significant number of concerned citizens that we have heard from regarding this compressor station, we urge you to insist on alternatives to the current proposal. The impacts of a compressor station proposed on Clarks Chapel Road are certain to have profound consequences on the communities that will surround it. Currently, this is a quiet neighborhood filled with families and small farms, one that offers open space and recreational opportunities on nearby Burden Lake. The introduction of a compressor station into this community will forever alter this quiet landscape.

Over the course of the past several months, hundreds of residents, concerned citizens and elected officials throughout Rensselaer County, NY and the surrounding area have contacted our offices and many attended the two Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) public scoping meetings on this project in July of 2015 to voice opposition to this proposal. In these meetings, residents conveyed concerns regarding the effects of this project on their community, noting the potential negative environmental and health impacts associated with a compressor station. In addition, residents have raised concerns about the level of emissions, noise and light the compressor could produce. The compressor station would stand alone as a large industrial use in the middle of this existing residential community. Many residents fear its scale and close proximity to families, farms and other neighborhoods pose an imminent threat to the health and quality of life currently being enjoyed in this area.

It is our hope that Kinder Morgan and FERC will entertain alternatives to this proposal, as the current proposed location of this compressor station presents considerable potential negative impacts that could not be mitigated in this location. The concerns that have been voiced to us with regard to the proposed site are compelling, and we cannot support the current proposal as we do not believe at this time that the potential environmental and health impacts to the community outweigh the potential benefits.

Sincerely,



Charles Schumer  
United States Senator



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator