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To the Department of Public Utilities:

My name is Lisa Cocco and I am writing this letter to comment on the Mariner East pipeline. I live in a beautiful, suburban county of Pennsylvania, Chester County. When my husband and I moved to our development of Bow Tree, we knew that a gas pipeline ran along Route 352 and Boot Road. We were never worried about our children playing outside or had any concern of an explosion or leakage from these pipes.

My world was shattered when the PUC granted Energy Transfer Partners a public utility status and allowed them to change the contents of the gases to: Butane, Ethane and Propane. These highly volatile gases are now going to be running through my densely populated neighborhood and county. In close proximity to this pipeline are three elementary schools, two senior living facilities and numerous housing developments.

You can tell me that I have no need to be concerned and that all is fine but I know different. You have records of the numerous spills, sink holes and damaged well water that is a direct result of this pipeline. I know that the Bentonite is used in the drilling process and I have physically seen the residue left on the concrete of my

neighbor's backyard (you were sent photos of this). If bentonite can leave this residue on the concrete, think of what is going into the bodies of children playing outside in their own backyards. My development alone has over three-hundred houses and the elementary schools have over fifteen hundred combined students. This being said, I now worry that because we live in such a densely populated area with seniors and children, who are the most vulnerable, what would happen in case of an explosion or leak. Do you realize how many people would be injured or even died because of this pipeline. There have already been explosions but not in such a suburban county. We do not live in the country with few neighbors. I ask you to physically come down to Chester County, to East Goshen and West Whiteland and see for yourself how many good people are at risk because of the Mariner East pipeline. I think the irony of this is that we, as Americans, will not benefit from this catastrophe because this toxic mixture is going to Europe. Americans are paying the price for Energy Transfer Partners' greed.

I know that neighbors along the Route 352 were given money by ETP, but they really didn't have a choice did they! Either take what monies they could negotiate or the ground would be taken by eminent domain. How sad. The result of all this is that my home price is depreciated, I hear noise from the drilling, there are particles of bentonite flying through my air and I receive no benefit except the unrelenting fear of an explosion or leak killing

thousands of children, the elderly and of course, my neighbors.

In summary, my hope is that I have respectfully but accurately provided you with information on the Mariner East Pipeline and the dangers and risks of having these pipelines flowing through densely populated communities.

Lisa Cocco