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To Whom It May Concern:

I am one of the thousands of residents in Chester County, deeply affected by the dangerous Mariner East/Sunoco pipeline. My home – which like most people is our only financial asset – is less than one-half mile from the pipeline. We are in the evacuation zone and have never received any correspondence from Sunoco about what to do in an emergency.

I am deeply concerned also because the new pipes placed closest to our home are side-by-side instead of the spacing specified in their permits. There are also exposed pipelines running over a nearby stream at the intersection of Rte. 100 and Shoen Road. One is supposedly dormant, although no proof of that existed to support the claim but the other is in operation, without protection from the elements or those who might wish to do harm.

Sunoco claims it doesn't have to provide safety information because of terrorist concerns, yet anyone could come along and set off this pipe that is visible, widely publicized, and in a wooded area where a terrorist could hide while damaging the pipeline. Despite this, it has been months since these pipes were brought to Sunoco's attention and they have done absolutely nothing.

Although my home doesn't directly abut the pipeline as it does for so many of my neighbors, it has impacted my property value, my peace of mind, my confidence in the future and economic well being.

It is pitiful that the State of Pennsylvania and its heartless Governor have ignored the safety and will of the people of the Commonwealth and turned a blind eye to our legitimate concerns....all to provide volatile, toxic chemicals to Europe with absolutely no benefit to PA or to this country. It is even more ironic that these volatile chemicals will be eventually be turned into plastics that will further pollute our endangered planet!

I share the following concerns of Del-Chesco United for Pipeline Safety:

- The Commission's ability or willingness, or both, to enforce existing rules, including Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) section 195.440, specifically assessing the plausibility and credibility of operator-provided "public awareness programs."
- The abuse of public utility status by private companies to obtain the awesome sovereign power of eminent domain.
- The fact that no agency within the Commonwealth has exercised siting authority.
- Absence of a construction permitting process through the PUC that would adequately govern pipeline siting, spacing, and evaluation and mitigation of risks to public safety.

- Transparency in all PUC processes and procedures, including the timely release of records in response to requests made under Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know statute.

It is dereliction of duty, at the least for the PUC to turn its back on the people you were appointed to protect.

How do you sleep at night?

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