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Acting Chairman Cheryl A. LaFleur
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman LaFleur:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company has proposed a new natural gas pipeline in Massachusetts from the New York State line to the Town of Dracut. As this proposal may ultimately be filed with FERC, you should know that many of my constituents are very concerned about the proposed route for that pipeline. So that their concerns can be aired and considered fully, I am writing to urge you to conduct a robust, public process as you consider any such proposal.

I acknowledge that the Commonwealth's role in review of such a proposal is limited to issues related to state-owned land and survey allowances. Nonetheless, be advised that, when appropriate, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board will intervene on behalf of Massachusetts residents in the FERC process.

Electricity prices in Massachusetts, and throughout New England, have historically been higher than the national average. My chief objective is to lower electricity prices for our households and businesses. Increasing the supply of lower cost natural gas may be one way to achieve that objective, particularly as we transition to cleaner, affordable and sustainable alternatives such as solar and wind. However we cannot in the long run afford to be careless about our other environmental interests as we make the transition. Many of

our residents share these concerns and are worried that their voices will not be heard in the review process.

Please confirm for me and for them that there will be an open, transparent and thorough process of review of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline proposal so that our residents' views can be fully considered. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl A. LaFleur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a sharp point.

cc: Advocates
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