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Williams Atlantic Sunrise:

Clean water is my passion. I prefer that you follow your existing route. If you come through Lebanon County, I respectfully ask for your consideration of four items.

1. While they continue to install best management practices like planting trees along waterways, government blames farmers for polluting our streams. Sediment is the number one pollutant. When a pipeline cuts down our riparian buffers and digs up the streambed, the ecology is disturbed, and sediment goes downstream. Therefore, **horizontal drill under Creeks like the Swatara and Quittapahilla as well as wetlands**. It should not take a law to do the right thing. As guests in our community, please show us this respect. The Swatara rises and falls quickly. After 29 years of paddling the Swatara, I know of equipment that was flooded and pushed downstream along with styrofoam ballasts. The Swatara Sojourn picked up the styrofoam pieces for years after one such incident.
2. Next, **register with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and voluntarily pay for our precious water**. Do not structure withdrawals to avoid payments. Do avoid times of drought. Do repair any damage to access points.
3. Also, **daily**, if necessary, **clean up mud from our roadways**. The messy roads serve to agitate residents. Many people have observed dirty and dangerous conditions at 3000 State Drive in South Lebanon where pipes are stored for both Williams and Sunoco.
4. In closing, the Swatara Creek is part of the national Captain John Smith and PA Water Trail systems. As such, **2018 will be the 30th year of the Swatara Sojourn** where we paddle and pick up litter along the way. **The first weekend in May**, Swatara Watershed Association will lead a **30-mile float** from Swatara Watershed Park in East Hanover Township, Lebanon County through to the PA Fish and Boat launch in Middletown, Dauphin County. We will need passage.

Thank you for listening, considering, and then acting on these requests.

Sincerely,

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