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My name is Nancy Jeffries, D.O. I am a family doctor in practice for 30 years and have had the honor of delivering 1200 babies into a community that can trace their ancestry back many generations. Lancaster county is known internationally for having the most agriculturally productive farmland in the world. So much so there has been a decades long concerted effort to preserve it for future generations. By building the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Williams wants to take this away, threatening not only local families but families worldwide with the impact of fossil fuels on climate change. In Lancaster County alone the pipeline will go through 35 preserved farms and many more properties stolen by abuse of eminent domain.

Williams does not need this 42" greenfield pipeline. It already owns the infrastructure to get natural gas to markets. The current infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrading which Williams refuses to consider, even though this would create many more jobs for Pa. and would improve the safety of the people living near this infrastructure by decreasing the risk of leaks and explosions from many miles of un-mapped pipelines. The ASP will not benefit Pa. There will be only 39 full time jobs created, as the many temporary jobs will go to out of state workers.

Study after study shows that this gas is not needed domestically and that the majority of this gas will be going for export and it is disingenuous of the industry to pretend otherwise. 3.8 billion dollars has been spent building an export terminal at Cove Point, MD. Also a new Panama Canal has been constructed as well as a fleet of specialized LNG carriers to fit through the botched canal. Billions and billions of dollars have gone into supporting the export of natural gas yet the abuse of eminent domain for this project has been allowed.

My personal life has become a living hell. I've been fighting this pipeline for over 3 years now. My home will be ground zero for construction. The sheer magnitude of destruction is unimaginable. We will have construction 800 ft behind our home putting us permanently in the vaporization zone. On the property next to ours will be the horizontal

directional drilling to go 90 feet beneath the Conestoga River which will take up to 9 months. The drilling will require that 1.1 million gallons of water per day be transported past my home from the extraction point to the drill pad. This will require at least 170 tanker truck trips daily on a narrow scenic boulevard. The river water once used will not be returned to the water cycle because additives for drilling will render it toxic. This toxic water and dredgings from the drilling are to be disposed of in open waste pits near the drill pad, yet I'm told that my well won't be affected or my home devalued.

After fighting this pipeline for over 3 years I have become someone I hardly recognize. I have gone from being a happy, optimistic productive human being to being scared, angry, and feeling hopeless; and the construction hasn't yet started.

Human beings are born with a sense of fairness and justice and in a civilized society this is nurtured. While protesting, we as a community have been obstructed at every juncture from our township supervisors up to the President of the United States in our quest for justice. This situation has caused a sense of impotent rage at the abuses of power that is shocking and not consistent with a democracy. Citizens are being abused and their well being put at risk for the benefit of a greedy few. These are scary and uncertain times and it is cruel and frightening that corporations are permitted to buy our elected officials to promote their interests over hardworking citizens.

Continued investment in fossil fuels and the associated infrastructure needs to stop. Why is this even a decision that a few get to make for the many. Currently we are the guardians of this precious planet and we are rushing towards a tipping point. Humanity needs to step back and look at the big picture and make the appropriate changes if life on this planet is to continue.

Additional statements for Nancy Jeffries, D.O.

Scott Martin, our elected senator to the Pennsylvania legislature has Skyped with law enforcement mercenaries from North Dakota to teach our local officials how to protect the pipeline rather than the taxpaying citizens who pay their salaries. He has also introduced legislation to silence us by taking away our 1st amendment rights of peaceful protest and making it a felony to trespass on our own land that has been stolen by eminent domain. This is an attempt to criminalize innocent people who only want justice and reject the claims of eminent domain by private corporations who are going to benefit by exporting our nation's resources

We have been told that by 2030 the natural gas companies have plans to clear cut 100,000 acres of woodlands in Pennsylvania alone. This will be done in association with the construction of 30,000 miles of new pipelines. This fragmentation of woodlands will be devastating to the Chesapeake Bay and undo all of the progress that has been made in rehabilitation of the bay. Pennsylvania holds the watershed for the bay and destroying woodlands will certainly increase erosion issues both locally and down river. In addition to the well documented issues with fossil fuels and climate change the fragmentation of woodlands decrease predator territories. This leads to an overpopulation of rodents which carry ticks that are vectors for not only Lyme disease but six other tick borne illnesses. Pennsylvania has the largest number of tick borne illnesses per capita in the United States and I have no doubt that activities of the natural gas companies have contributed to this.