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Dear Mr. Taber,

I write on behalf of the Clean Air Council ("the Council") to thank the Northcentral Regional Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("PA DEP") for organizing and facilitating a public hearing for the Barto Compressor Station in Penn Township, Lycoming County. The Council applauds the decision to have a hearing and believes that it was an effective platform for residents to voice their concerns and opinions about the station. The hearing was well-facilitated and run efficiently. The PA DEP remained unbiased in their treatment of testifiers during both the question and answer session and the public testimony portion of the hearing. We appreciate the choice of location for this hearing as it allowed residents near the Barto Station to attend and participate.

I personally want to thank you for attending both the December 15th hearing and for taking the time to introduce yourself and speak with me at the end of the hearing. I was impressed with the PA DEP representation at the hearing, including Mr. Zaman, and PA DEP engineers. The variety of PA DEP expertise present was very helpful in answering technical and regulatory questions related to the compressor station.

Again, we applaud the Northcentral Regional Office's decision to provide a venue for over 50 people to participate in what we understand to be the second-ever public hearing on a compressor station in Pennsylvania. This action alone shows that PA DEP is interested in engaging the public on this important issue. We urge PA DEP to listen to and take action on residents' concerns and suggestions. The Council looks forward to reading PA DEP's comment and response document addressing the concerns raised during the hearing. Again, thank you for your time and concern in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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