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Secretary Patrick McDonnell
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson Office Building
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Dear Secretary McDonnell,

I am writing to support Senators Dinniman and Rafferty and Representatives Milne, Comitta, and Krueger-Braneky and fellow citizens across the commonwealth in their request that the DEP order an independent risk assessment of the Mariner East 2 pipeline in order to properly address public safety and environmental risks. Congressman Meehan, Representative Corbin and other community leaders have called for a thorough re-evaluation of the project. It is imperative that public safety and proper communication take priority over corporate interests.

Sunoco Logistics took advantage of the lack of a pipeline siting authority in Pennsylvania and chose to run their dangerous Mariner East 2 pipeline directly through some of the most populated areas of the state. The hazards of this pipeline are now well known to the thousands of people whose homes, children's schools, and parents' care facilities lie well within its potential impact zone. More importantly, the parent Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) has shown blatant disregard for authority and neighbors with hundreds of incidents and failures in the course of construction and rushing the project to completion. ETP touts economic impact while bankrupting the largest east coast refinery here in Pennsylvania and shipping the product overseas. ETP benefits while Pennsylvanians lose

Safety is the primary concern of our communities. In the event of a leak - and all pipelines leak - this pipeline could potentially cause hundreds of deaths. Property values, farmlands and clean drinking water are already impacting our economic and public health. You have a chance to be a hero to hundreds of thousands here in Pennsylvania.

All you have to do is act, Secretary McDonnell. Please work with Governor Wolf, the PUC and use your authority to order an independent risk assessment and re-evaluate the health and safety of our communities. Please prioritize people over corporate profits. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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