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Ms. Karyn Yordy
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Dear Ms. Yordy,

Please accept the following comments in response to the HDD Reevaluation Report submitted by Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. for DEP Permit number E15-862, HDD Reference number PA-CH-0219.0000 filed on January 18, 2018.

I found the response provided by Sunoco to the Department to be unsatisfactory and incomplete. Sunoco's response claiming that risk will be minimized does nothing to relieve the significant concerns that have developed over the course of this project. I must unfortunately take this opportunity to remind the Department that Sunoco responded similarly to crucial questions related to technical deficiencies in 2016. In that situation, and despite a general lack of a response from Sunoco, the permit was approved by the DEP in February of 2017. The outcome of this incomplete permit approval was almost a year of Inadvertent Returns, damage to a pristine aquifer, and an expanding sinkhole that threatens at least two homes adjacent to Amtrak's Keystone Line. This is unacceptable and I strongly and respectfully request that the Department require Sunoco to provide adequate responses to important questions to determine if this project can be completed in a safe manner. It is my strong opinion that an adequate response must include a comprehensive geophysical study and consideration of alternative routing to protect high consequence committees as well as public and private water resources.

Further, I must once again stress that prior to consideration of construction modifications, it is vital that the Department hold public hearings to discuss these changes with citizens in an open forum. Citizens in my district have experienced significant harm throughout this process and are demanding accountability and transparency from this point forward. Having a five-day

open comment period is inappropriate and the public deserves a chance to be heard. It is my strong recommendation that the Department reject this report as incomplete, call for significant public involvement and comment, and require Sunoco to perform complete impact evaluations to ensure construction activities do not cause permanent and irreparable harm to the environment and citizens in West Whiteland Township.

Sincerely,



Andrew E. Dinniman
State Senator – 19th District