



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

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Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Second Floor
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Ms. Chiavetta,

I write this letter in support of Melissa DiBernardino's formal complaint (Docket # C-2018-3005025) regarding the Sunoco Logistics and the Mariner II Pipeline project. School districts in our area have had ongoing safety concerns about this project. Local townships have also raised concerns and have been holding safety evaluation hearings. Finally, local citizen groups along with individuals have expressed their fears. Ms. DiBernardino has raised her concerns in the form of the aforementioned formal complaint.

The Sunoco Mariner II Pipeline Project runs through the following townships located in our District: East Goshen, Thornbury, West Goshen, West Whiteland, and Westtown. We receive students from these municipalities. The pipeline comes within 3,000 feet of three of our elementary schools and our central office building.

Our school district has worked very closely with Chester County Emergency Responders to prepare an evacuation plan in the event of a leak in the pipeline. I am confident that our county responders have done all that they can to keep students and the community safe. Planning for unknowns, such as the risk of moving natural gas liquids (NGL) through a pipe designed to transport other liquids such as oil, is extremely difficult.

I have already expressed the district's safety concerns to Sunoco Logistics in several letters to both the PA Public Utility Commission and to Governor Wolf. Ms. DiBernardino's formal complaint memorializes the concerns of citizens that live and work near the pipeline. **I urge the Pennsylvania Utility Commission to act quickly and decisively.**

Sincerely,

James R. Scanlon, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Ms. Melissa DiBernardino
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