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Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

March 29, 2018

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capital Building
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

I write to ask you to conduct a comprehensive independent risk assessment study regarding the construction of the Sunoco Mariner II East Pipeline. While I'm not an expert in these studies, the studies should include viable worst case evacuation routes, enhanced safety and safety training for first responders; and separation of pipelines from existing residences, schools, and businesses by a distance deemed safe.

The WCASD has four (4) buildings within 3000 feet of the pipeline and more than 25,000 residences living on or near the pipeline. For the past 18 months our school district administration and staff have been working with Chester County Emergency Management First Responders and have developed safety protocol in the event of a pipeline breach. Attached is a copy of our hazardous materials emergency protocol. Without a comprehensive risk assessment, it is difficult to measure our plan against potential risks if we don't know what they are.

Please consider conducting a comprehensive independent risk assessment. I would be happy to provide more detail about the concerns the pipeline construction has caused in our community. I can be reached in the office at 484.266.1018 or on my cell at 484.883.0648.

Sincerely,

Jim Scanlon, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

cc: WCASD Board of School Directors
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