

Governor Maggie Hassan  
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107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Hassan,

It is with dismay that I must write to you again about the proposed natural gas pipeline being planned by Kinder Morgan. Since my last letter, much more factual information has come out about the detrimental results this pipeline will cause to our beautiful state. Several towns have spent substantial money studying the impact to their town, such as Amherst and Milford. These studies describe the serious environmental damage the pipeline will cause and the dangerous risks it will pose to those living near the pipeline. Of course property values will plummet for those living near the pipeline. In the long run this will hurt tax revenues to the towns.

One of the studies found that only about 6% of the natural gas transported will be used by New Hampshire and yet our state will suffer from all the negative aspects of the project. (See Nashua Telegraph articles by Kathy Cleveland on 6-20-15 and 6-14-15) These gas pipelines have been shown to leak methane gas into the atmosphere. We can expect a higher incidence of birth defects and probably cancer rates for those living near the pipeline also. And what about the thousands of wells which supply water to the residents in the affected towns and perhaps even many towns away? Remember that there are many rivers underground that feed these wells. There is no way they can promise that these wells will not be impacted by all the blasting of granite and construction that will take place through the wetlands, over the hills and valleys along the proposed route. This is not to mention the huge impact this will have on many species of wild animals, birds, fish, reptiles and other living creatures whose habitats will be destroyed or badly damaged. Towns will need to spend more money and resources for further environmental studies and species inventories.

Another important consideration is that Kinder Morgan does not have a stellar safety record and in our country many gas explosions have occurred causing vast damage and loss of life.

Why should New Hampshire be the scapegoat here? Most of this natural gas will be shipped out of our region. The additional energy we need can be supplied by a much smaller and less intrusive solution. Plus a lot more can be done to conserve energy and encourage alternative energy sources.

Please do all in your power to stop this vast intrusion and damage of our beautiful state and many NH residents' properties. How would you like to live near the pipeline? Did you know any properties within 900 feet of the pipeline are in the incineration zone labeled by Kinder Morgan? That includes a lot of people and properties. Is this what you want as a legacy for your time serving the citizens of New Hampshire? **Kinder Morgan needs to be stopped and I pray that you have the courage to stand up for our beautiful state** whose motto ironically is "Live free or die".

Thank you so much for listening to the many voices against this project. We all love New Hampshire and do not believe Kinder Morgan should be allowed to exploit us for their gain.

Sincerely yours,

  
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