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Dear Chairman Bay:

I am writing in regard to concerns expressed by my constituents in Delaware Township, about *certain dangers posed by the path of the pipeline proposed by PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC.*

As you are aware, PennEast is undergoing a regulatory review by FERC to determine the project's feasibility and safety. I would like to call to your attention certain geological information about the proposed pipeline route's proximity to a rock quarry.

The Trap Rock Quarry, located in Lambertville and Delaware Township, will reopen in 2017 and will continue to expand in accordance with Delaware Township's approved Reclamation Plan. This future expansion will result in the pipeline being located at an unsafe distance, only 1,300 feet away at its closest point (near milepost 99), from the planned quarrying activities.

The rock formations in that area consist of hard diabase, which is known to readily transmit seismic waves. The force of the rock blasting at Trap Rock Quarry in Delaware Township may be carried through the bedrock and may compromise the integrity of the proposed pipeline in that location.

Please consider the geological factors around the area of milepost 99, where the Delaware Township section of Trap Rock Quarry will be conducting blasting operations in dangerous proximity to the proposed PennEast Pipeline. I thank you for your thorough review of this project, and I urge you to regard safety with utmost concern as the review process continues.

Sincerely,