

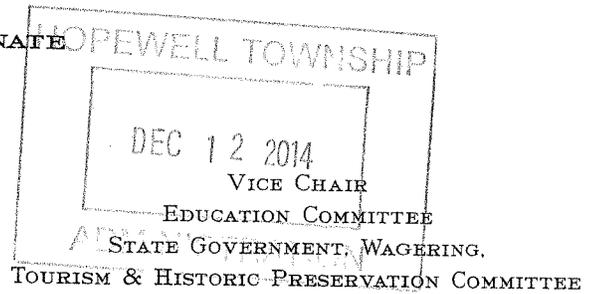


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December 8, 2014

Laurie Gompf, Municipal Clerk  
Township of Hopewell  
201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560

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Dear Ms. Gompf,

Please allow me to acknowledge receipt of the resolution approved by Hopewell Township Committee concerning the PennEast pipeline project. I appreciate hearing from you and knowing of Hopewell Township Committee's concerns about the potential negative impact the project will have on the Township and its residents.

I have been paying close attention to the concerns being raised by my constituents and local governments. Protecting our natural resources, water supply, preserved land, and land values are of paramount concern to residents living within close proximity to the proposed pipeline. Moreover, far too many unanswered questions remain concerning the potential for public health and safety concerns. Our residents deserve to have the peace of mind that their community will remain safe and desirable.

Please advise the Hopewell Township Committee that I have recently introduced SR99, which expresses the New Jersey Senate's opposition to the PennEast pipeline project. The resolution urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reject the project due to the negative impact that project will have on the environment and surrounding communities. The resolution further states that if FERC approves the project, it must grant the approval only after all of the environmental or other related concerns of the State and affected communities are addressed and satisfied and appropriate safeguards are put in place to protect the environment and the impacted communities. A copy of SR99 is enclosed.

I will do all that I can to shepherd the bill through the legislative process as quickly as possible. However, I also encourage you to begin contacting other legislators to request that they support and cosponsor the bill. The contact information is available at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shirley K. Turner  
Senator - 15<sup>th</sup> District

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Enclosure

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 99**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**216th LEGISLATURE**

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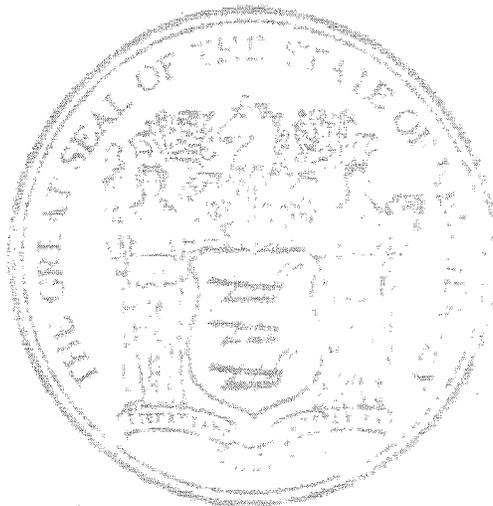
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**SYNOPSIS**

Opposes PennEast Pipeline project in NJ.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



STATEMENT

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3       This resolution objects to and opposes the PennEast Pipeline  
4 project as proposed, because of the negative impact it could have on  
5 the environment and surrounding communities it will transgress.  
6 The resolution also urges the Federal Energy Regulatory  
7 Commission to reject the project for the same or other appropriate  
8 reasons, but if it does approve it, to grant the approval only after all  
9 of the environmental and other related concerns of the State and  
10 affected communities are addressed and satisfied and appropriate  
11 safeguards are put in place to protect the environment and  
12 surrounding communities.  
13       The PennEast Pipeline Company has proposed a 108-mile, 36-inch  
14 diameter natural gas pipeline that will extend from Luzerne County in  
15 northern Pennsylvania to an interconnect with Transco's pipeline near  
16 Pennington, Mercer County, New Jersey. The company has initiated  
17 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pre-filing process and  
18 plans to file a formal application in the third quarter of 2015. If  
19 approved, pipeline construction could begin in spring 2017 and the  
20 pipeline could be operational in November 2017.