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TOWN COUNCIL'S OFFICE

Ms. Nancy Harrington
Town Council Chair
Town of Merrimack
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Dear Nancy,

Thank you for contacting my office about the Kinder-Morgan Northeast Energy Direct Project. I appreciate hearing from you about this important issue, and I understand your concerns about the effects this project could have on New Hampshire communities.

As you know, the Northeast Energy Direct Project has been proposed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. The company's preferred alternative route would enter New Hampshire in Winchester and pass through 17 New Hampshire towns, including Milford, Merrimack, Londonderry, Litchfield and Pelham. The company has entered the pre-filing stage of the application process, which means that they submitted a request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to notify and engage stakeholders about the project. An Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement, followed by a public comment period, takes place at this stage.

Recently, I sent letters to Kinder-Morgan and to FERC to request that during the pre-filing process, priority attention is given to scoping reports and providing ample opportunities for the public to make comments.

I also suggest visiting <http://www.ferc.gov/> to follow FERC's evaluation of this application, including notification of public comment periods.

I believe it is important to fully understand the impacts of the Northeast Energy Direct Project pipeline proposal. We must ensure that natural gas production and transportation do not negatively impact public health and the environment.

My staff will continue working with state and local officials to closely monitor the situation.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me. Please feel free to contact my office with any future questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

P.S. It is my priority to ensure that you receive a timely response. However, postal mail may be significantly delayed in reaching my office due to security measures in the U.S. Senate. I encourage you to stay in touch through my websites:

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