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Ms. Nancy Harrington  
Chairman, Town Council  
Town of Merrimack  
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Dear Ms. Harrington:

Thank you for contacting me regarding Kinder Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project. I appreciate hearing from you.

The proposed NED project is an expansion of Kinder Morgan's existing natural gas infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

As you may know, in September 2014, Kinder Morgan filed a request to begin the pre-filing process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC), which is tasked with issuing certificates for interstate natural gas pipelines. During this phase, Kinder Morgan will continue the process of researching possible routes and consulting with property owners as well as FERC. On December 8, 2014, Kinder Morgan notified FERC that it was changing its preferred route for the project.

Most recently, I led the New Hampshire delegation in sending multiple letters to Kinder Morgan and FERC requesting that both organizations work with potentially affected communities to allow New Hampshire residents ample opportunity to understand, assess and comment on the proposed project before any decisions are made finalizing the project or its route. For your convenience, these letters are attached.

On October 15, 2014, I joined with members of the New Hampshire delegation in sending a letter to FERC asking that it consider the issues raised by local residents and municipalities while it conducts its review of Kinder Morgan's application.

While I fully understand the need for increased natural gas infrastructure in the northeast to meet growing demand, I believe Kinder Morgan and regulators must give residents ample opportunity to voice their concerns as the proposed project undergoes required federal and state reviews.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. It is important for me to hear from you regarding the current issues affecting New Hampshire and our nation. Please do not hesitate to be in touch again if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte  
U. S. Senator

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