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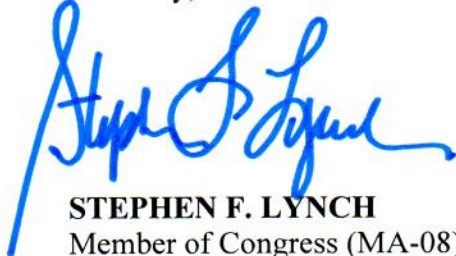
Dear Chairman Bay:

I am writing to you after yet another deadly incident involving an energy pipeline. As you know, a natural gas pipeline explosion in Canton, Illinois killed one Ameren Illinois employee and injured twelve people on Wednesday, November 16th. This letter follows my correspondence of November 2nd, relative to the Colonial Pipeline explosion on October 31st in Alabama that killed one person and injured five others. According to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration there have been more than 220 pipeline incidents in 2016.

I again urge you to delay permitting and construction of natural gas pipeline projects in Weymouth and West Roxbury, Massachusetts, until a comprehensive investigation of these tragic recent incidents is concluded. To do otherwise is a reckless abrogation of your responsibility to protect the public from harm. As the number of pipeline incidents continues to climb, we simply cannot afford to push ahead with projects in densely populated urban and suburban neighborhoods that exponentially increase the potential for loss of life.

The safety of these families is of the utmost concern. I again urge that you delay both of these projects until we are certain that all safety measures are in place.

Sincerely,



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