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Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Mr. Monaco:

We write to reiterate our serious concerns regarding Enbridge, Inc.'s (formerly Spectra Energy) proposal to construct a compressor station in Weymouth, Massachusetts, as part of the Atlantic Bridge project. We urge you and your company to reconsider your decision to locate the compressor station in Weymouth and abandon the plan to site a compressor station in Massachusetts in order to facilitate Canadian gas exports.

As you know, Enbridge intends to locate a compressor station within a short distance of nearly one thousand homes and dozens of schools where approximately 13,200 children attend.¹ Weymouth is a densely populated coastal area, with an estimated 3,200 people per square mile - more than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a compressor station.² The proposed area for the Enbridge compressor station also has "statistically higher rates of cancer, pediatric asthma and cardiovascular and respiratory diseases" in Massachusetts,³ and the Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility notes that "the proposed compressor station is, even by data provided by the company itself, likely to worsen the health and safety of this already at-risk community."⁴ Additionally, the station's proposed location is less than one tenth of a mile from a sewage pump and water treatment facility operated by the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority.⁵

¹ Patriot Ledger, "Lawmakers blast air quality plan for Weymouth compressor station," Jessica Trufant, April 26, 2017, <http://www.patriotledger.com/news/20170426/lawmakers-blast-air-quality-plan-for-weymouth-compressor-station>.

² WBUR, "Confused About the Weymouth Compressor? Here's What You Need To Know," Miriam Wasser, June 19, 2019, <https://www.wbur.org/earthwhile/2019/06/19/proposed-weymouth-gas-compressor-explained>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility, "Health Risks of a Proposed Compressor Station in Weymouth, Massachusetts," Anna Baker, Matt Bivens, Richard Clapp, Regina LaRocque, Brita Lundberg, Peter Moyer, Susan Racine, and Caren Solomon, February 7, 2019, https://d279m997dpfwgl.cloudfront.net/wp/2019/02/GB-PSR-Report-on-Health-Risks-of-Proposed-Weymouth-Compressor-Station_Feb-7-2019.pdf

⁵ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, "Atlantic Bridge Project Environmental Assessment," May 2016, <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2016/CP16-9-000-EA.pdf>.

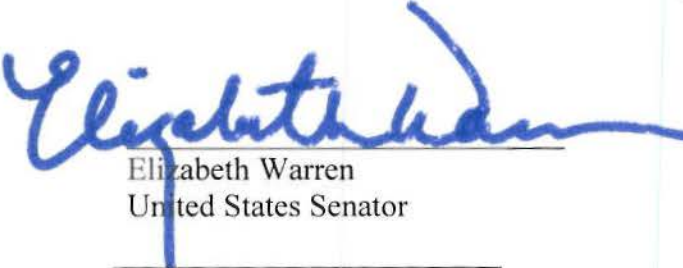
Several state and local officials and stakeholders, including Weymouth Mayor Hedlund, the Weymouth Town Council, all state legislators representing Weymouth, and numerous elected officials and organizations from neighboring and nearby communities, have expressed their deep concerns with building the compressor station in the proposed location.⁶ Notably, the Weymouth Town Council unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the compressor station.⁷ In addition, a bipartisan group of more than two-thirds of the Massachusetts State Senate signed a letter in July expressing their own concerns with the application to construct a natural gas compressor station in Weymouth, citing the various environmental and public health issues related to the project in its current proposed site.⁸

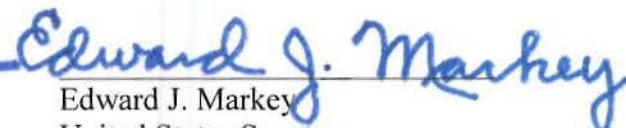
Given the broad opposition to building the compressor station at the proposed location, we strongly urge you to heed the concerns of these state and local officials and experts, and immediately seek an alternative for this project that does not involve siting a compressor station in the middle of a community that rejects it as unnecessary and dangerous.

There is precedent for seeking alternative locations for natural gas compressor stations following broad public outcry similar to that from many Massachusetts communities. Last year, Dominion Energy began to seek alternative locations for a proposed compressor station, even after receiving federal permits to begin building the site in Charles County, Maryland, following opposition from various state and local stakeholders.⁹ Although your company has received approval from federal and state agencies and is currently awaiting remaining permits, we urge you to listen to those in the communities that would be most directly affected by the building of a compressor station in North Weymouth and reconsider this project. In its current configuration, the Atlantic Bridge project is more likely to benefit Canadian consumers and exporters than gas users in Massachusetts, while forcing Massachusetts residents to bear the day-to-day safety risks of living near a compressor station.

Thank you for your time and consideration. On behalf of our constituents in Weymouth and the surrounding communities, we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator

⁶ Fore River Residents Against Compressor Station, "Who: About the Opposition," Accessed September 19, 2019, <https://www.nocompressor.com/about>.

⁷ Patriot Ledger, "Weymouth council opposes compressor station," Fred Hanson, June 2, 2015, <https://www.patriotledger.com/article/20150602/NEWS/150609412>.

⁸ Letter from 29 Massachusetts State Senators to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg, July 11, 2019, <https://d279m997dpfvggl.cloudfront.net/wp/2019/07/DEP-Senate-Letter-Regarding-Compressor-Station.pdf>.

⁹ Washington Post, "Dominion may move the compressor it planned to build across from Mount Vernon," Teo Armus, July 3, 2018, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/dominion-says-it-will-look-for-planned-natural-gas-facility/2018/07/03/ddaa82a6-7ec7-11e8-bb6b-c1cb691f1402_story.html.



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