

Stop New York Fracked Gas Pipeline has been working with local elected officials to oppose the Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project (NED).

Now it's critical that we all contact our federally-elected officials to express our concerns and ask that they help us

STOP the PIPELINE.

Attached is a form letter that you can use as is or modify and send as an e-mail or through the U.S. postal service to your federal representatives.

Listed below are the official Washington, D.C. addresses and e-mail addresses of the Congressmen and Senators who represent the residents of Schoharie, Albany and Rensselaer Counties impacted by the NED.

Please send the letters or e-mails as soon as possible. Numbers count and grass root efforts make a difference!

Washington Office mailing address:

Senator Charles E. Schumer
322 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
478 Russell SOB
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman Paul Tonko
2463 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Chris Gibson
1708 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

E-mail addresses:

www.schumer.senate.gov

www.gillibrand.senate.gov

www.tonko.house.gov

www.gibson.house.gov

Please be sure to insert the proper title and name on the form letter.

Dear _____:

Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary, Tennessee Gas, propose to build and operate a 36-inch pipeline to daily transport up to 2.2 billion cubic feet of hydro-fractured gas at a pressure of up to 1,460 pounds per square inch from Pennsylvania, through New York to Dracut, Massachusetts. The proposal is called the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project (NED).

Please stop the NED in order to protect my family and community. I oppose this project for the following reasons:

- No New York resident or business will receive any of the gas and almost all of it will be exported to foreign markets.
- Pipeline safety standards in rural areas are much lower than in urban areas, effectively treating constituents who live in the rural communities along the proposed route as second class citizens.
- The governing federal and state regulations and the resources used to ensure pipeline safety during construction, operation and decommissioning phases are woefully inadequate.
- Only landowners whose lands abut the pipeline route may receive compensation. All other residents along the pipeline corridor, even those within the "incineration zone," involuntarily assume the risk of death, personal injury and property damage in the event of a rupture, but receive no compensation for their risk and diminished quality of life.
- Property values along the pipeline will decline and reduce assessed valuations. This in turn will increase the tax burden on properties further away from the pipeline.
- The federal process for approving and constructing gas pipelines violates the requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to minimize cumulative negative impacts that federal agency decisions may have on public safety, health and the environment.
- No single federal entity oversees the NED project as a whole. For example, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission decides whether and where the NED is built. The Department of State decides whether the gas may be exported. The Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration governs pipeline safety. Each agency pleads lack of jurisdiction to review or do anything that could be seen as falling within the jurisdiction of another agency. Oversight of the project is therefore segmented, hindering the public's ability to effectively review and voice concerns about the NED.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____