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To Whom It May Concern:

As elected representatives of those who will be directly affected by the proposed PennEast Pipeline, we are disappointed that PennEast has cancelled the public meetings in Alexandria, Kingwood, and West Amwell Townships.

We applauded and supported your initial public outreach plan to have PennEast representatives attend, make presentations, and answer questions regarding the proposed pipeline at town hall meetings in each town the pipeline travels through. The cancellation of these remaining town specific meetings indicates that PennEast has taken a markedly different attitude towards the people affected by this pipeline. To defend this by stating that you never had any obligation to hold meetings prior to submitting your plans for approval is disheartening to say the least.

The meetings you are obligated to hold, which would employ a station format and be regionalized, are not an adequate forum for property owners to voice their opinions. The format proposed by your company for the legally required meetings will fragmentize public discourse and minimize the access property owners will have to voice their concerns and to hear their neighbors' concerns.

Under federal law your organization has the power to invoke Eminent Domain should a property owner not be willing to sell your company an easement. The power of Eminent Domain is a draconian act and we believe that people deserve the right to be heard in an open public setting before your company even contemplates its use. Although not legally required, town hall meetings are the right thing to do under these circumstances.

Respectfully, we strongly urge that you reschedule these meetings.

Sincerely,

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