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Emilie M. Lonardi, Ph.D.  
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Downingtown Area School District  
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Downingtown, PA 19335

Dear Dr. Lonardi:

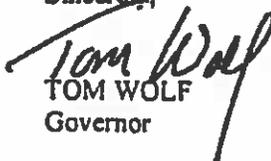
Thank you for taking the time to share with me your proposal for a risk assessment study of the PA Pipeline Project (PPP)/Mariner East II Pipeline. As Governor, the health and safety of our citizens and students is my top priority. I believe strongly in environmental protection, which is why I have implemented strong new protections on natural gas development.

As you noted in your letter, the utmost care, responsibility, and safety precautions should be taken for the safety of our children and residents. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection have each worked diligently to ensure that Sunoco follows guidelines. These two departments have not shied away from issuing fines and halting construction of the pipeline so that guidelines were met. My administration will continue to protect our environmental resources and prioritize public safety while encouraging job growth and energy development in Pennsylvania. It is a careful balance that often sparks disagreement. Disagreement is positive and productive to the issues we seek to address.

Additionally, it is important to note that it is the PUC and the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration who each oversee the safety aspects of this pipeline project for compliance with the federal pipeline safety regulations, governing construction and operations of this pipeline project. Sunoco's Mariner East project is subject to the PUC's exclusive jurisdiction over public utilities. The PUC alone has the authority to perform a risk assessment or safety study, and we have agreed with others' calls for such a study to be undertaken. However, it should be noted that under state law, state employees are barred from releasing "confidential security information" under penalty of criminal prosecution, which information which includes these types of studies. We welcome and encourage the PUC to provide the maximum public disclosure of their oversight of this pipeline project and to conduct a safety study and publish its findings to the greatest extent permitted by state law.

Thank you once again for sharing your letter regarding the PPP. It is vital we continue to openly discuss this plan and I thank you for your advocacy on this issue and your dedication to the students of the Downingtown Area School District.

Sincerely,

  
TOM WOLF  
Governor