

A short letter to the Governor (adapted from a letter about the Greenbrier Pipeline Project)

Dear Governor McAuliffe,

I am saddened by your public stance in favor of the EQT/NextEra Mountain Valley Pipeline Project which relies on hydraulic-fracking as a source of the natural gas to flow through it. Do you want part of your legacy as Governor of Virginia to be that you did nothing to try to stop the invading abomination of Big Gas? My heart is breaking at the thought of what may be in store for us in the beautiful New River Valley.

Visionary thinkers from around the globe are calling all of us out of our stupor of belief that unbridled development of fracked natural gas equals progress. Claiming that horizontal drilling can be done safely is like rearranging the furniture in a burning building. The paradigm is shifting and the time is NOW to move toward a more sustainable way of life. Where are the leaders who have the courage to speak this truth, even at the risk of their political careers? Based on your campaign, we thought you would be one of these leaders. We are incredibly disappointed that you have violated the trust many voters placed in you when you were elected one year ago. It is not too late, though, to reverse course, keep your promises, and protect the environment for future generations of Virginians. It would be unfortunate if the legacy you leave to our children and grandchildren is, McAuliffe, the Governor who allowed our land and culture to be destroyed forever in the interest of the natural gas lobby for political self-preservation.

Sincerely,