

Senator Mark Warner/Representative Morgan Griffith

Dear Senator Warner/Representative Griffith,

There are those of us in the New River Valley who feel we are not being represented properly by our current elected officials. We are in the midst of trying to stop a proposed 42" natural gas pipeline, transporting gas from hydraulic –fracturing of shale gas reserves in West Virginia, at more than 23,000 cubic feet per second and at 1,440 psi that could greatly affect our precious water supply, destroy scenic views, harm economic development and tourism, destroy the value of private property, and even displace home owners.

This proposed pipeline is planned to run from Wetzel County, West Virginia to its expected primary delivery point, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company's (Transco) Zone 5 compressor station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. In Virginia it will run through Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties in Virginia.

We are concerned about silting during the construction process, erosion of our delicate farmlands, the loss of timber, some of it Virgin, the potential loss of our wells, and the danger of accidents either during or after construction. We believe EQT/NextEra will have to blast the rocky hillsides and do "directional drilling" under our rivers. Nothing about the proposed EQT/NextEra Mountain Valley Pipeline provides benefits to those of us along its route.

We do not appreciate our land or our lives being considered expendable by politicians and large corporations.

If constructed, the Mountain Valley Pipeline would have a lasting negative impact on the New River Valley counties of Giles and Montgomery as well as the other counties in its path, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties. Construction of the pipeline involves cutting a 125 to 200 clear-cut right-of-way through forestland, farms, and the backyards of citizens of Virginia. Our beautiful New River Valley, the Appalachian Trail, and the Blue Ridge Parkway and the lives of those of us who live here will be forever scared.

This is being brought to your attention because you have a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Virginia. This is not solely a Virginia issue; this is a national issue since the pipeline is an interstate project. As one of our Virginia representatives at the Federal level who is up for election this fall, we would like to know your position on this proposed pipeline. If you feel as we do, that there is no benefit nor good reason to put a scar that will range in size from 75ft to as much as 200 ft, through the New River Valley and our state, then we would like to enlist your voice to our fight. In return we will duly note your efforts and remind voters that you supported us when we needed a helping hand. However, ignoring this issue by saying nothing is, in our view, tantamount to your support of these pipeline projects, something that we will remember at the polls on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly,