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The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe
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Re: Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley Pipelines

Dear Governor McAuliffe, Director Paylor, and Members of the State Water Control Board:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Fifth District of Virginia regarding concerns expressed with the two proposed 42-inch high-pressure natural gas transmission lines, the Mountain Valley Pipeline and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Regardless of one's view of these projects, I hope all parties will exercise careful consideration of the impacts of these proposed projects on our vibrant rural communities and our state's water supplies. I encourage the Commonwealth to use its full scope of authority to assess the impacts of the Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast pipelines with particular emphasis on all aspects of the impacts of these pipelines on our state's water supplies. In particular, I hope you will consider the effects of these projects on the karst topography of the region.

Out of respect for the many citizens who have expressed concern over the process of these two pipelines I respectfully request that the timetable for the public comment periods and hearings allows ample time for you and the public to properly review and comment meaningfully and transparently on all information relevant to these projects. Additional public hearings closer to impacted communities along both pipeline routes would provide greater confidence by the public.

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I appreciate the work done by all parties involved. These are certainly complex projects and ones that have garnered great interest by advocates and opponents alike. An open dialogue and full transparency by all involved parties is essential for the process to move forward and for the public's trust to remain intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Landes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

R. Steven Landes

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