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The Honorable Norman C. Bay and Commissioners Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 1st Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Bay and Commissioners:

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

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MILITIA, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

As a Delegate in Virginia's General Assembly, I am writing to request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) revisit the decision not to conduct a Programmatic Environmental Impact review of the several proposed pipeline projects currently under consideration. Given the significant amount of territory impacted by these proposed projects, much of it located on private property, a comprehensive review that considers them in the context of each other could prove beneficial.

I have also been contacted by constituents that feel a comprehensive review is the only way to fully understand how these projects may effect the economies of impacted communities, the environment, and the impact on personal property.

I appreciate the complexity of this issue. However, I think it's important to carefully study and weigh the benefits of these projects with the potential risks to property rights and the environment. Conducting a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement will help FERC and Virginia residents understand the full impact of these pipeline projects, and make an informed decision on their merits.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely.

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