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MY NAME IS CLARKE RICHARD VOLK AND I LIVE AT 148 BLISS ROAD IN LONGMEADOW, MA. I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AND EXPANDED GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSED BY COLUMBIA GAS/EVERSOURCE AND TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE

THIS PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO DELIVER SIGNIFICANTLY MORE FRACKED GAS TO THE AREA. TWO OF THE LARGER CITIES (HOLYOKE AND SPRINGFIELD) HAVE OPPOSED THE PROPOSED NEW 6 MILE PIPELINE FROM AGAWAM TO HOLYOKE, WHICH WAS CANCELLED. RATHER THAN BUILDING NEW GAS INFRASTRUCTURE WE SHOULD MAKE THE EXISTING GAS INFRASTRUCTURE SAFER AND MORE EFFICIENT BY REPAIRING LEAKS AND REPLACING TOWN PIPELINES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN 2008, COMMITTED TO REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 80% BELOW 1990 LEVELS BY 2050. IF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION IS DONE, THEN THE COMMITMENT OF THE STATE WOULD NOT BE REALIZED.

THE NEW PROPOSED METERING STATION ON LONGMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY WILL BE A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN. A TENNESSEE GAS HIGH PRESSURE PIPELINE WILL JOIN WITH A COLUMBIA GAS/EVERSOURCE PIPELINE RUNNING NORTH ON SHAKER ROAD - LAUREL STREET TO SPRINGFIELD. THE METERING STATION WILL REDUCE GAS PRESSURE SO THAT THE GAS CAN BE ROUTED INTO A SMALLER CAPACITY PIPE, BY BLOWING OFF GAS. THIS BLOWING OFF WILL PUT HARMFUL CONTAMINANTS INTO THE AIR. ALSO THERE IS A SCHOOL LESS THAN 1/2 MILE FROM THE METERING STATION.