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Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor
Executive Chamber
New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write regarding the pending application for the recently proposed Pilgrim Pipeline. The 178 mile long project would span the Hudson Valley, impacting the land and water resources in dozens of our communities. On November 16th, the Thruway Authority issued a Lead Agency Coordination Letter to determine which agency will take the lead in the review process under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is the agency best suited to consider the public health, safety, environmental justice, and climate issues that we urge be fully addressed during the SEQR review. We respectfully request the DEC assume the role of lead agency for the duration of the application process.

The Pilgrim Pipeline, as proposed, will have significant ramifications that extend well beyond the New York State Thruway. Under your leadership,¹ the DEC has played an instrumental role in strengthening the state's oversight of the transport of crude oil. The DEC scientific and technical expertise make it uniquely qualified to coordinate what is certain to be a complicated assessment of the potential impacts on the communities situated along the proposed route, as well as the Hudson River and its tributaries.

We request that you direct the DEC to take control of the SEQR review of the Pilgrim Pipeline application. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

¹ Executive Order 125: Directing The Department of Environmental Conservation, The Department of Transportation, The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, The Department of Health, and The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to Take Action to Strengthen the State's Oversight of Shipments of Petroleum Products. <http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-125-directing-dec-dot-dhse-doh-and-nyserda-strengthen-states-oversight-shipments-petroleum>

Sincerely,



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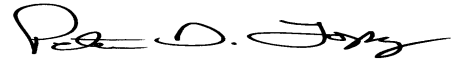
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