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June 17, 2024

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We, the undersigned elected officials, urge you to deny Enbridge any upcoming permits for constructing new fossil fuel infrastructure along the Algonquin Gas Transmission Line that runs through New York. We were encouraged by the state's decision to reject the Danskammer and Astoria NRG fracked gas power plants and urge your administration to take similar action by stopping Enbridge's fracked gas expansion dubbed "Project Maple".

Enbridge's fracked gas expansion, which entails expanding compressor stations on the route to increase the amount of gas delivered through the pipeline system, would be an affront to communities already impacted by the AIM pipeline which runs by the Indian Point nuclear facility. The proposal poses a threat to the region because of its proximity to Indian Point's radioactive waste and spent fuel rods. Moreover, Enbridge's proposal would deepen our state's reliance on fracked gas at a time when we must quickly ramp up our renewable energy output in order to meet the goals mandated by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Simply put, we cannot and will not be able to move off fossil fuels if you allow Project Maple to be approved.

We appreciate that your administration understands the clear and present danger climate change poses to New Yorkers. The entire process of drilling, transporting, and using fracked gas increases methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas, into the atmosphere. The climate crisis has hit New York hard as we've experienced flooding, storms, smog and massive weather events that hurt New Yorkers from Long Island to New York City, and from Albany to Buffalo. Recent extreme weather events like these are a stark warning of the escalating dangers linked to our dependence on fossil fuels. These occurrences, fueled by climate change driven largely by greenhouse gas emissions from burning fossil fuels and buildout of fossil fuel infrastructure, threaten the health and safety of all New Yorkers.

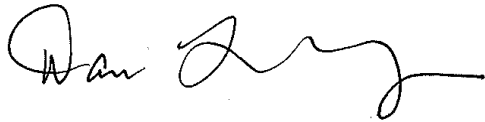
Furthermore, the impacts of air pollutants (including but not limited to sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxide, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, benzene, sulfuric acid, particulate matter and mercury) from such a fossil fuel expansion are disproportionately felt by vulnerable communities along the route. For example, Peekskill, NY is already dealing with tremendous amounts of industry pollution. The cumulative impact from this expansion would be incredibly detrimental to the region already suffering from poor air quality due to the Wheelabrator incinerator while also dealing with decommissioning a nuclear plant on the Hudson River. Westchester county has received a "D" rating from the American Lung Association for air quality.¹ Ultimately, the answer to lowering air pollution in

¹ Westchester (2023) Westchester | American Lung Association. Available at: <https://www.lung.org/research/sota/city-rankings/states/new-york/westchester>

the region and throughout the state is not to burn and transport more fracked gas.

While still in its early stages, Project Maple poses a serious threat to our state's environment, economy and residents' health. This proposal would expand the flow of gas running through the AIM pipeline, build out compressor stations along the route in New York and require significant pipeline expansion at various areas along the pipeline route. The Project would also run through and impact several waterways along the route, including the Hudson River, which is a significant driver for the Hudson Valley economy. We urge you to protect New York's economy and the health and safety of all residents by opposing Project Maple and by directing your agencies to prevent this from being approved in New York.

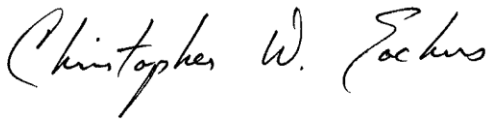
Sincerely,



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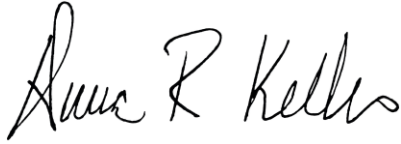
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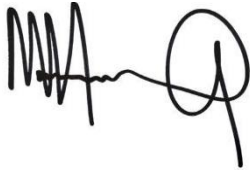
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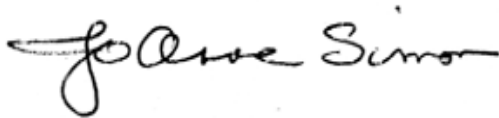
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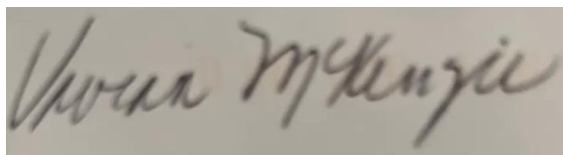
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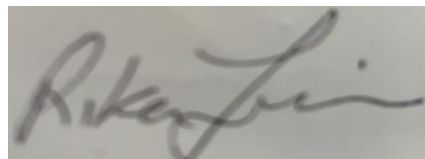
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