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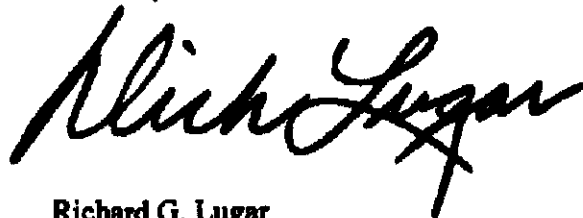
Dear Mr. Whitenton:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of Darlee McCollum of my Washington office.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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Subject: Rockies Express Bainbridge Gas Compressor Station Location

I am writing concerning a matter that I am trying to have addressed.

I recently (Feb 28th) found out that Rockies Express Gas has intention of building on a 20 acres site within 1500 feet of my home a Gas Compressor Station as part of their eastern gas pipeline. The site is located in Northern Putnam County just south of US 36 and east of CR 25 W approximately 2 miles west of the town of Bainbridge. I am opposed to this endeavor for many obvious reasons but ultimately believe that it will like go through as planned. I find myself, as other similarly close homeowners find themselves, having to shoulder the risk of a real property value loss. My wife and I just recently built our dream home and find ourselves wondering if we will ever be able to sell it now that an industrial site is moving in. I have read through the FERC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and find that everyone and everything along the proposed 600 mile path have been considered for potential impact and loss of burying a 42 inch gas pipeline, expect for the homeowners who will permanently and continually have to live in close proximity of Gas Compressor Stations. I have spoke with lawyers, but find that they are doubtful that they can assist unless I can assume yet another financial burden of their legal fees that they estimate to be substantial; i.e.: in proportion to the amount of money that the Gas Company will have to fight in opposition of me.

The Gas Company is attempting to pass this site off as something compatible with the surrounding farm ground so as to lessen the negative feelings toward it as well as having to avoid having it rezoned from agricultural to industrial. They have applied for a variance from the county. I oppose to this on grounds that even within the EIS the location is referred to as an industrial site. There have been other sites considered and even favored by the gas company, and yet others sites not considered but recommended have been ignored. We were not able to convince them to change their plan of relocating the site. The EIS speaks of these other favorable sites on the grounds that the site is more remote from homeowners and that the terrain and vegetation shelter the site from surrounding homeowners. Our location is flat farm ground for miles in every direction, with no chance of sheltering the site for sight or sound. Locating the compressor site as planned will condemn any surrounding land within site to agricultural as no one would want to build on it and it severely puts the existing homes at serious financial risk. It seems that our site was only recently selected and I feel that there has not been enough thought put into how we will be adversely affected. I site as an example the lack of any noise survey within the EIS for the location near me and the EIS's own admission of more favorable sites.

I plan to voice my opposition yet again during the April 14th county zoning hearing, and reserve all other options to oppose this plan.

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