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June 8, 2015

Senator Jeanne Shaheen
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Jeanne Shaheen,

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Representative Ann McLane Kuster
137 Cannon House Office Building
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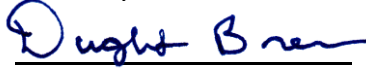
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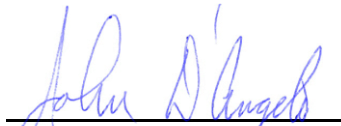
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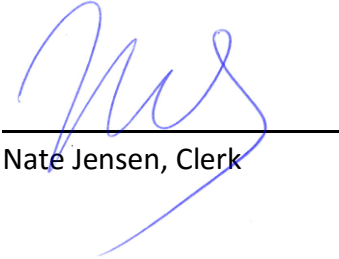
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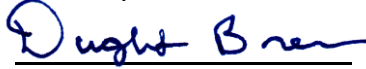
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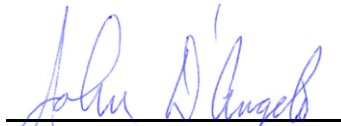
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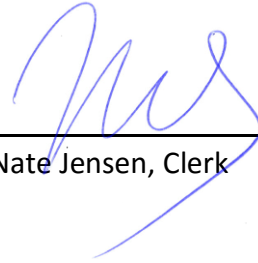
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71 Eagle Drive
Bedford NH 03110-4414

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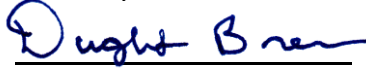
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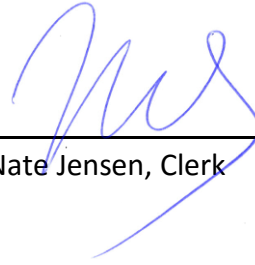
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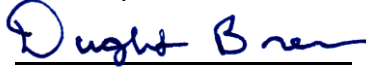
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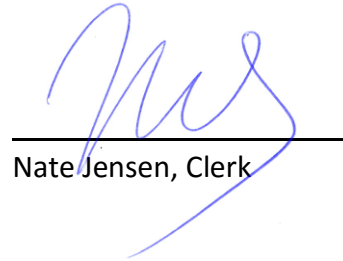
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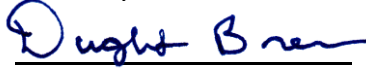
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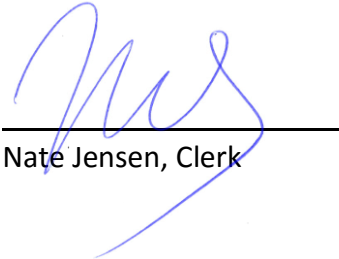
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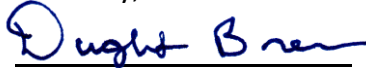
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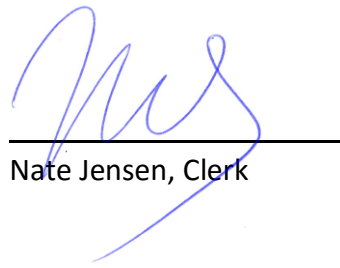
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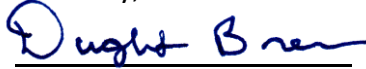
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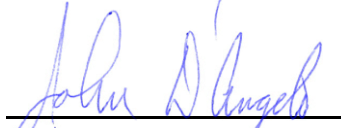
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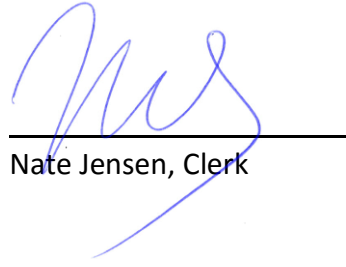
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June 8, 2015

Attorney General Joseph Foster
Office of the Attorney General
33 Capital Street
Concord NH 03301

Dear Attorney General Joseph Foster,

In December 2014, Kinder Morgan chose to relocate a significant portion of a proposed 36-inch, 1,460 PSI natural gas pipeline segment running from Hancock Township Massachusetts to Dracut Massachusetts out of Massachusetts and into New Hampshire (including 4 miles in Amherst) based on political pressure from the Massachusetts Governor and Massachusetts Congressional Delegation. As a result, the Amherst New Hampshire Board of Selectmen established a Pipeline Taskforce to look at the benefits and issues with having this proposed pipeline bisect our town. The Amherst Pipeline Task Force has spent hundreds of hours researching the impact this pipeline would have on our town and the Town's most recent letter to the FERC, based on the Task Force's recommendations, which have been endorsed by all five Amherst Selectmen, is attached.

The significant research done by the Amherst Pipeline Task Force could not find that there was a public need for this pipeline in New Hampshire. In addition, significantly extending the pipeline route segment connecting Hancock Township Massachusetts to Dracut Massachusetts out of Massachusetts and in to New Hampshire simply to avoid a portion of Massachusetts as a result of Massachusetts political pressure may well be a gratuitous, unconstitutional taking from New Hampshire residents for the benefit of the residents of Massachusetts.

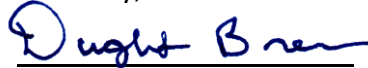
We are requesting that you ensure that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Commission are both rigorous in their evaluation before

determining that there is an absolute public need for this pipeline and specifically that this pipeline will benefit New Hampshire.

We would like to know if you feel that the constitutional issues we raise have merit, and if not, why not? Assuming that you agree that there is some merit to the constitutional issues raised, should it come to federal litigation, will you likely support or oppose our position, and please give your reasons? As the highest ranking state legal official in New Hampshire, If you believe our constitutional issues have merit, at what point are you prepared to raise them on behalf of your constituents?

We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,



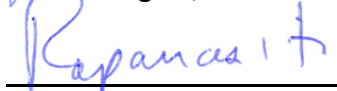
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Tom Grella, Selectman



John D'Angelo, Vice Chairman



Reed Panasiti, Selectman



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