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July 15, 2025

Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Acting Secretary Shirley,

I am writing to follow up on the ongoing concerns surrounding the Twin Oaks Pipeline and to express the pressing need for stronger, enforceable protections for the residents of Upper Makefield Township. While I appreciate our continued correspondence, several critical questions remain unanswered, and recent developments underscore the urgency of a more robust response. Following the July 1 meeting of the Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors, the local Mt. Eyre Neighborhood Residents Task Force tells me it became increasingly clear that the existing DEP order concerning Energy Transfer must be amended to reflect the evolving needs of our community and to ensure long-term resilience. Our residents deserve lasting protection that is both codified and consistently enforced.

As the federal government and Commonwealth work together on this matter, I urge you consider the enclosed request from the Task Force which asks to amend the current order to require that Energy Transfer:

- Fully fund a comprehensive feasibility study to determine a long-term water solution for affected residents;
- Be held responsible for implementing and maintaining that solution for the full operational lifetime of the pipeline.

In addition, the Task Force states that the amended order should include clear and enforceable requirements for:

- Ongoing and thorough POET system maintenance,
- Regular air quality monitoring and public reporting,
- Further investigation into potential septic system impacts, and
- Transparent and frequent water quality testing.

As you are aware, I recently sent a letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin requesting direct federal engagement, given the agency's established role and expertise in responding to oil spills. In light of the seriousness of the situation and the community's well-documented concerns with Energy Transfer's reversal of prior commitments, I share concerns expressed by our local Task Force, including their request that you attend an upcoming on-site meeting with DEP and Upper Makefield Township officials. Your presence would underscore DEP's accountability and signal strong coordination between state and federal agencies, reinforcing your commitment to public safety, environmental protection, and restoring community trust. Thank you for giving the Task Force's concerns your full and fair consideration and your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1)
Member of Congress