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Via U. S. Postal Service

Dear Senators Booker and Menendez,

I am a voter and taxpayer in, or visitor to, the communities impacted by the proposed PennEast pipeline project. I am writing to thank you for your recent letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expressing your concerns about this project, and amplifying the concerns expressed by your constituents and by the federal and state agencies who offered their expert input during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement comment period.

As you know, on April 7 FERC issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the proposed PennEast project. It was a near duplicate of the Draft and suffered from the same deficiencies and errors. FERC concluded that the Project will cause environmental damage, but that this damage could be lessened with the implementation of a myriad of mitigation plans - none of which PennEast has yet to file nor FERC has yet to see. Furthermore, FERC admitted that the economic benefits to the region would be minimal. At a time when FERC's State of the Market Report proves that 2016 saw record low natural gas and electricity prices in the region – with PJM electric prices dropping 47% and natural gas storage at record highs – it is especially difficult to justify any project for the region, never mind one which has so few benefits and yet will inflict such widespread eminent domain as PennEast will in New Jersey.

In a move which can only be described as a craven in-your-face, PennEast responded to the release of the FEIS by sending a mailing to the impacted townships along the route which crowed, "It's Official! Lower Energy Costs! Environment Protected!" Many landowners felt this was PennEast's way of saying, "Now we're coming for your land."

In fact, it is far from official. FERC has yet to reach a final decision and won't do so until the cooperating agencies weigh in on the EIS, and until the Project undergoes complete permitting and consistency reviews by the Delaware River Basin Commission, NJDEP and the Highlands Council. And yet PennEast continues its campaign of lies and intimidation against the landowners and communities in its path.

We urge you to remain engaged and vigilant on this issue. We need your help now to ensure a rigorous vetting of nominees to FERC. We also ask that you hold NJDEP to their regulations, which require that they reject PennEast's current application for the 401 Water Quality permits as incomplete because they lack shovels-in-the-ground access.

This great watershed which we protect by limiting our development provides safe drinking and water justice for the entire state. We are Jersey Strong but we can't do it without you.

Thank you.

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