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Robert Cicero
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Dear Sir:

I want to express my outrage at the thought of building a proposed pipeline through Bernheim Forest for these reasons: I believe there is a moral concern which overrides and is part of many of the aspects involved and seems missing in your decision-making process.

There is a critical need to conserve valuable "green space". Scientifically, there is consensus globally that man-made decisions are driving climate change. Forests are a key means of helping to prevent the enormous costs resulting from the extreme weather conditions we have been witnessing. We have a moral obligation to preserve natural pristine "green space" in justice to the earth itself, all species of life including our own and that of next generations. All species have a right to life and healthy living. This pipeline through this forest (no matter how small) would jeopardize this basic right.

Legally, a decision to ignore a conservation easement of land by threat of "eminent domain" sets a precedent for future decisions about any land with a conservation easement being dismissed as unimportant.

Economically, a pipeline would set up a real future hazard for gas leaks and explosions. Gas lines have a certain life expectancy and proper oversight or inspection is never guaranteed. The "extra cost" of an alternative route would never compete with the cost of the aftermath of explosions and gas leaks on the lives of people and other species.

Thinking futuristically, fossil fuel is non-renewable. There are many renewable types of energy being developed which are less devastating to the earth and its inhabitants. Wind and solar energy as well as biodigesters are examples. Our future is going to have to rely on new renewable forms of energy.

I would strongly urge you to find an alternate route for your pipeline. Please keep Bernheim Forest out of your top three choices. I am trusting in your integrity of heart and mind and your sense of justice to the earth and its inhabitants.

Sincerely,



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