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I already have the Transco Pipeline next to my back yard, within 1000 feet of my home, and I don't want any other pipelines near my home. I certainly don't want the Penn East pipeline to be situated within 50 foot of my residence. It is interesting to me that Rex Tillerson, the CEO of Exxon Mobil, a proponent of the natural gas rush, would agree with me. Although he is a proponent of the natural gas industry, he's not too keen on having natural gas facilities, even a benign fresh water tower, near his home. He joined a lawsuit stating that such a tower would ruin the aesthetics and hurt his property value. I quote: "The construction of the water tower will create a constant and unbearable nuisance on those who live next to it." The lawsuit goes into great detail to lay out the problems experienced by those who are subjected to fracking operations. To be clear, he thinks that it is fine for industrial gas facilities to be built near other people's homes - he just doesn't want one near his home. For the record, after receiving much negative publicity for hypocrisy, Mr. Tillerson dropped out of the lawsuit - but his friends and neighbors will carry the lawsuit forward. My family and I do not want additional pipelines and the processing facilities that pipeline necessitate - like compressor stations, metering stations, and glycol dehydration plants like the problematic Chapin station just across the border in Wyoming County.

I am asking you to do what you can to help protect my family and my home - and not allow the Penn East pipeline to be situated within 50 foot of my residence.

The Penn East Pipeline is slated to go through a building lot that I own which is about 100 feet wide by about 200 feet deep. My home and my parents' home are on either side of this lot. The pipeline will also approach my lot from a lot in back which is owned by my parents. This gas line will be about 50 feet from my home and 50 feet from my parents' home.

The pipeline that is proposed for my property is a 36 inch line which can carry gas at pressures up to 1500 psi. The blast zone for this line at this pressure is about 900 feet with the thermal zone being about 2 to 3 times that distance. Why should my family and I live with the risk and uncertainty of being in a blast zone? I understand that the construction zone will be 100 feet while the permanent easement would be 50 feet. I also understand that the easement can be resold, that the pipeline company would have 24/7 access to the easement, that the pipeline company might be able to install an above ground facility or another pipeline at a later date. In exchange for a one-time payment, the pipeline company would have use of my property - forever. What will this do to the property value of my home? These lots are deeded separately from our primary lots which our respective homes occupy. How could we ever hope to sell these building lots with a 50 foot easement on them? AND we will have to pay property taxes on them into perpetuity?

How can FERC allow this to happen to hard working, tax paying citizens? Where is the protection for our "Quiet Enjoyment" of our property?

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