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Dear Dr. Foster,

I support NJDEP's stance to not accept an incomplete application from PennEast and encourage you to continue to stand by that decision. As of August 19<sup>th</sup>, PennEast has reported that only 30.8% of the route in NJ has been granted survey access. Any project that threatens so many citizens with eminent domain deserves careful evaluation by the DEP and I encourage you to continue to insist that PennEast's application is both "technically" and "administratively" complete, does not rely on remote sensing data, and contains a robust and accurate EIS.

While I am encouraged by the DEP's position on not accepting an incomplete application from PennEast, I am concerned that PennEast has to date omitted discussion of the regulatory requirements of C1 streams. The proposed PennEast pipeline would cross 31 C1 waters, some multiple times, as well as many sensitive areas. A full examination of these C1 crossings and their riparian zones along with all impacted wetlands and transition areas is essential in order to meet the Clean Water Act's 404(b)(1) guidelines at 40 C.F.R. 230.10.(c).

We in New Jersey have dedicated much effort, and millions of dollars towards preserving and protecting our land and natural resources for ourselves and future generations. The PennEast pipeline, with its vast destructive potential, threatens that investment. I thank the NJDEP and ask you to please hold the course in holding PennEast accountable and continue the work of protecting New Jersey's environment and our quality of life.

Respectfully,