Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 26, 2002

The Honorable Donald L. Evans
Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
Room 5854
14th & Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to request that the December 2, 2002 deadline for public comment in the Millennium Pipeline appeal be extended to January 15, 2003.

As you know, we have asked your department to thoroughly explore the proposed alternative routes submitted for your review as part of the appellate proceedings following the New York Department of State's decision that the proposed route for the pipeline is inconsistent with the State's Coastal Management Program. Our offices have recently been contacted by the Westchester County Executive (see enclosure), the Mayor of the Village of Dobbs Ferry, and by constituents. They have requested that the deadline be extended in order to give affected communities a full and fair opportunity to raise their concerns with your department. We believe this would help your department accurately assess the proposed alternatives.

Our request on behalf of these elected officials and our constituents should be viewed in the context of the imperative need for close community consultation in your review of this large, complex project. It is vital for your department to listen to the communities affected by the proposed pipeline route and suggested alternatives, so that the full range of potential local impacts is comprehensively examined. Therefore, we request that you agree to a brief extension of time to January 15th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Members
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Honorable Charles Schumer
Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Honorable Eliot Engel
Honorable Nita Lowey
Honorable Sue Kelly
Honorable Benjamin Gilman

Dear Honorable Members:

Re: Millennium Pipeline

I am urgently requesting your assistance in asking for an extension of the public comment period from the Department of Commerce for the Millennium Pipeline consistency appeal until January 15, 2003 (due to the holidays).

This request stems from the misinformation and lack of notification for several Southern Westchester Communities that may be impacted by the alternate routes brought forth in the New York State Department of State (DOS) brief. The Millennium Pipeline Company is engaging in the strategy of pitting community against community in Westchester County by writing and meeting with officials and citizens that would be potentially impacted by the DOS alternatives. Millennium notified certain communities the day before the November 13th public hearing in Tarrytown in order to stage public opposition on that day.

Communities have the right to be informed about this very serious process in order to properly comment on the potential impacts. In April of 2001, the delegation successfully influenced an extension from FERC of the comment period due to similar circumstances. It is imperative that communities that may be impacted by the alternate routes of the Millennium Pipeline be awarded the same courtesy.

Sincerely,

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