

Good evening-

My name is Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck.

I am speaking tonight because I have grave concerns about the voices that are heard in this process, and the voices that are shut out.

I have been to a number of such hearings since the ASP was proposed over three years ago, only to find that the voices of the people have no power unless they are comments that fit into specific categories of acceptance. When I spoke with FERC representatives about comments on the Environmental Impact Statement, they emphasized the need to have substantive comments that show details of where on the route there are cemeteries, sewers, and buildings, all of which the pipeline would be moved around. We were to point out the location of natural springs, wetlands and old growth forests, not in order to stop their destruction, but to ensure that some kind of mitigation would be provided by Williams- as if the natural habitats themselves held no value.

We were told to have specialists or professionals comment on why it would be dangerous to put this line through karst formations, or on a seismic fault line- which meant hiring specialists to do the research, or for we, the people to study and become the specialists ourselves.

When I called the DEP to save my space to speak today, I was reminded that I should be sure to make substantive comments about water erosion and encroachment- of which I know next to nothing. Still, I am invited to have my words heard- but those words will only have an impact on the decision if they come from professionals with comments of quantitative value. So, again,

I must either hire experts to address technical and geological details that are not in my professional repertoire, or I am forced to spend all of my time, as I have for the past 3 years, to become professionally articulate in the details of how the construction of a pipeline damages and destroys our community and our environment.

The truth is- the Central Penn Line South will have destructive and even irreparable damage on the environment- One needn't be a professional to know this.

It is unconscionable to me that the opinion of the people who are bearing the brunt of the damage and destruction from this line are the voices with the least power in this decision. Instead, it is outside professionals- many of whom make their living from the industry.

I am not a professional hydrologist, or geologist- but I am a professional counselor, pastor, educator and mother-my family has been in Lancaster County for 10 generations- and I will speak from my areas of expertise.

I have watched members of my community fall apart. Marriages break up. Women have complications with pregnancies. Lifetime farmers suffer heart attacks- and hundreds of people speak to me of the pain and distress this pipeline has brought into their lives.

I have watched neighbors cry over the destruction of their forests, couples grieve over the devaluation of their properties- and still others choosing to flee their homes to escape the destruction of the line, only to find they cannot even sell their homes, because there is the possibility of a pipeline bisecting it.

I have watched industry insiders contact employers of locals, trying to get them fired for their anti pipeline work.

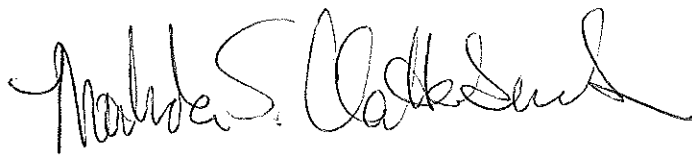
These are the stories that should sway your decision. The environment that needs protecting is the land- the water- the air, and even the communities that depend on that land, water, and air for life.

There is only one answer to the question of whether this line will damage the environment--YES it will, incontestably.

There is only one answer to the question of whether this line is necessary or ethical- It most definitely is not.

We, the people, believe there is only one answer to the question of whether the DEP should issue the 102 and 105 permits- they most definitely should not- for the sake of our Lancaster County community, we beseech you, Department of Environmental Protection- protect our environment and deny these permits, Thank you.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malinda S. Clatterbuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Malinda" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Clatterbuck".