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TO: USFS, attention Associate Deputy Chief Glen Casamassa

RE: Objection to the ROD for Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project through the George Washington and Monongahela Forests

Dear Mr. Casamassa,

I am deeply troubled by the USFS's recent decision to amend vital parts of the Forest Plan in order to allow the ACP to be built. My family recently relocated to Augusta County, purchasing a home adjacent to the Washington National Forest. We felt reassured that our home was surrounded by the national forest and it would not be subject to the ravages of industrial development. I believed that the forest was protected from such devastation. It is a betrayal of the public trust not to protect the forest from such development.

Upon learning of the ACP proposal, I became involved in the process of commenting to FERC. You may imagine my dismay on learning how many FERC officials are or have been involved with Dominion. FERC has failed to demonstrate a need for this pipeline, but they seem to be moving forward with it despite volumes of public protest. Now we learn that the USFS 'independent assessment' of the feasibility of this project was done by a contractor for Dominion.

Sir, this project presents enormous threats to our water systems, wildlife, and ecosystems. To casually allow the perpetrators of this project the opportunity to influence the approval of their own project is unconscionable. I am opposed to the project entirely. However, if it must be done, please have a comprehensive evaluation done by impartial experts in the fields of geology and biology, not pipeline construction companies!

The Forest Plan was created to ensure that natural and wild areas are protected. It has been acknowledged that this pipeline would violate those standards. You possess the authority to stop the devastation of our forests. I implore you to reject the ACP and protect our forests!

Sincerely,

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