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Subject: Atlantic Coast Pipeline

I'm writing my objections to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline proposed by Dominion and Duke. This \$5.5 billion, 42 inch diameter, 600 mile pipeline carrying fracked gas would run from West Virginia through Virginia and across Eastern North Carolina, threatening pristine forests, headwaters, hundreds of streams, as well as many farms and communities. Seizing people's private land by eminent domain in order to make a few wealthy people rich while destroying the climate and endangering people in its pathway, is just plain wrong! Eminent domain should never be used to benefit a corporation or individual at the expense of innocent people, who are placed at risk of leaks, explosions, fires, and water contamination. Their property value will drop.

At risk are many people of color: African Americans and Native peoples in Eastern North Carolina. Far from a boon to the local economies, this pipeline would close down farms and place people at risk. The gas is for export; there is a glut of fracked gas on the market. It is not needed in N.C.

Fracked gas devastates the communities in which it is mined, and the leaks and venting of methane wreak havoc on the climate. Annual emissions from the ACP are estimated at 68 million metric tonnes - equivalent to the emissions from 20 average U.S. coal plants.

It will create only a few temporary jobs, but the damage is permanent. To achieve climate goals, this dangerous poison gas needs to stay in the ground, whereas this pipeline locks us into a future dependent on gas. Instead, we need to invest immediately in solar and wind for an energy-secure future that avoids the worst of climate catastrophe.

Stop the pipeline!.

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