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George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

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Dear Mr. Wilkes,

I urge the USFS to select Alternative 1 - No Action, because the Mountain Valley Pipeline is inconsistent with the Forest Plan and would require 11 amendments and exceptions to be made for MVP.

I have lived at the base of Brush Mountain in Montgomery County for over 30 years and drink the source water that flows off it. In 2014 when this pipeline was first proposed no one thought that it could, or should, come through the Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA) bisecting the Old Growth Forest at the top of Sinking Creek Mountain as well as traveling right along the edge of the Wilderness area on Brush Mountain.

I am angry that the USFS agency, that I thought had the citizens' interests in the forefront of their planning, cavalierly allowed such devastation and betrayal of the people's trust. Justification for letting a pipeline cut down trees, where no trees are allowed to be cut for roads in the IRA was a matter of semantics. It wasn't a road, but a pipeline. The result was the same. The Forest Service allowed a cut into the heart of the forest right next to the Wilderness Area which had been designated to protect wildness.

Compromising the Forest Plan Principles for a corporation is not an exception written into the Forest Plan. Some things are so important that compromising principles and trust should never happen. This is one of them.

You have a second chance to get this right. Select Alternative 1, No Action and get the trees replanted without delay

Sincerely,

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