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Subject: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project

I am writing to ask you to NOT allow the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline for the following reasons:

* * 124 accident reports have been filed with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) concerning pipelines constructed in the United States dating back to the year 1969. These accidents have occurred in over 30 states in the continental United States as well as in Alaska. Bottom line pipelines are NOT inherently safe.

* * In January of 2015 alone we saw two major pipeline leaks in North Dakota, the same state where the fight against DAPL is focused. The spills there saw more than 6 million gallons of oil products leaking into the environment. The most recent of such leaks occurred on September 9, 2016.

* * Pipelines transporting natural gas require pressure to keep the gas moving. This means having to build and operate natural gas compressor stations. These compressors operate 24/7 and emit huge amounts of air pollution. For example, emissions of Carbon Dioxide equivalent, CO₂e can be up to 407,000,000 pounds per year.

* * The Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project would infringe on landowners' property rights, damage pristine areas and commit the region to a fossil fuel just when global warming makes it essential to invest in renewable energy instead.

* * "FERC still hasn't addressed the most basic question hanging over this project: Is it even needed?" Southern Environmental Law Center Senior Attorney Greg Buppert said in a statement. "It's FERC's responsibility to determine if this pipeline is a public necessity before it allows developers to take private property, clear forests, and carve up mountainsides."

Sincerely,

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