New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Bette

Scuzzese <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Rette Scuzzese

Jackson, NJ 08527-4902

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Schafer <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Helen Schafer

Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889-3734

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Sincerely,

**Barry McCloud** 

Boonton, NJ 07005-1618

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Nancy Picillo <feedback@lcv.org>

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It would be a travesty to endanger the Pinelands water collection capabilities.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Picillo

Sea Girt, NJ 08750-3202

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Christi Tempesta <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Christi Tempesta

Jersey City, NJ 07306-5072

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Branden Youssef <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

**Branden Youssef** 

Ho Ho Kus, NJ 07423-1662

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

Roxanne Perez <feedback@lcv.org>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Roxanne Perez

West New York, NJ 07093-5640

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MICHAEL MEEHAN <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL MEEHAN

HEWITT, NJ 07421-1117

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Sincerely,

**Camille Gaines** 

Kinnelon, NJ 07405-3259

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anderson arthur <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

anderson arthur

toms river, NJ 08753

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sandra chase <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

sandra chase

Medtord, NJ 08055-8937

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Cheyenne Moore <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Cheyenne Moore

Clementon, NJ 08021-5549

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CAROLYN BARRETT <feedback@lcv.org>

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CAROLYN BARRETT

Ewing, NJ 08638-2613

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Troy

Granger <feedback@lcv.org>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

**Troy Granger** 

Pennington, NJ 08534-5197

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Sincerely,

Jason Kemple

Alpha, NJ 08865-4469

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Harini

Shankar <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Harini Shankar

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-2974

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Berezansky <feedback@lcv.org>

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Nick Berezansky

Ridgewood, NJ 07450-3727

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Janet

Greenlee <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Janet Greenlee

Blackwood, NJ 08012-2974

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

Joseph Colantonio <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Joseph Colantonio

Shamong, NJ 08088-8923

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Philip

Kirsch <feedback@lcv.org>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Philip Kirsch

Millburn, NJ 07041-2120

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Barbara Whalen <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Barbara Whalen

Red Bank, NJ 07701-5603

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Castor <feedback@lcv.org>

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Jerry Castor

Toms River, NJ 08753-3647

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Naomi Scher <feedback@lcv.org>

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Putting gas pipelines through the Pinelands is absolutely crazy. It would not benefit the citizens of New Jersey in any way.

Sincerely,

Naomi Scher

Cherry Hill, NJ 08034-3606

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

Martin Pfefferkorn Jr.. <feedback@lcv.org>

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Martin Pfefferkorn Jr..

Clifton, NJ 07011-1911

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Liam

Brom <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Liam Brom

Parsippany, NJ 07054-4349

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

Jennie Sabato <feedback@lcv.org>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Jennie Sabato

Somers Point, NJ 08244-2223

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

suzanne wolf <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

suzanne wolf

Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-1536

From:	New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Tina Loock <feedback@lcv.org></feedback@lcv.org></information@njlcv.org>
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Cream Ridge, NJ 08514-1829

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Sincerely,

Linda Rossin

Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849-1248

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

Marisa DiPaola <feedback@lcv.org>

Sent:

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Sincerely,

Marisa DiPaola

Manahawkin, NJ 08050-3178

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of

Patricia Gray <feedback@lcv.org>

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Now is the time to do something good for the environment, and good for the people of NJ. Please say "no" to the onslaught of gas pipelines - - - a decision that will have positive impacts in many ways for years to come. Thank you.

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Stephanei Eckert

Parsippany, NJ 07054-4020

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Jeanette Bergeron

Hamilton, NJ 08619-1355

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Sincerely,

bruce gordon

Fort Lee, NJ 07024-1950

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Rosanne Buonopane

Cape May, NJ 08204-3467

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Ana Greenstein

Parlin, NJ 08859-3163

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**Betty Turner** 

Berlin, NJ 08009-9550

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Mark Ice

Hamilton, NJ 08619-3028

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**Richard Jennings** 

Newton, NJ 07860-8843

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters <information@njlcv.org> on behalf of Jody

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Sincerely,

**Jody Walters** 

Camden, NJ 08105-3039

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Barbara Laub <feedback@lcv.org>

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Sincerely,

Barbara Laub

Maplewood, NJ 07040-3111

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Alpha, NJ 08865-4743

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Keyport, NJ 07735-1431

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Dover, NJ 07801

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Dover, NJ 07801-5308



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44 South Clinton Ave., 9th Floor, P.O. Box 350

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