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Dear Mr. Schott:

In light of the upcoming march to highlight opposition to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's proposed new natural gas pipeline, I wanted to share the attached.

As you know, the primary authority for siting a pipeline lies with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. While this Administration has not taken a position on this proposal, and will not unless and until the FERC process, I did want you to know that we intend to be involved in the event of such a process, and that we have called on FERC to assure that the process is robust and that all those interested have a chance to engage.

I am personally aware that some of the concerns about the project involve impacts to natural resources and sensitive environmental resources to both state owned and other publicly and privately owned lands. Our environmental agencies are starting to examine available information about these potential routes and I fully expect that any process will need to include detailed environmental reviews.

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Thank you for so clearly organizing at the grassroots. Have a safe walk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Katz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small hook.