

Senator Tim Kaine
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The garbled transcript and the ridiculously short period of only 2 weeks to review thousands of legitimate scoping period queries regarding safety, threatened water supplies, diminished property values, inappropriate use of eminent domain, economic disruption, alternatives routes, environmental damage, climate change, and ultimate need for the pipeline—shed light on why it is no wonder that ACP, LLC's "response" fails to address the public's concerns in any comprehensive or satisfactory way.

As I witness this flawed regulatory process proceeding, my concerns are growing. The following common sense measures—identified by major organizations, government agencies, and others in my community—would go a long way toward making the regulatory process more responsive and effective at protecting the public.

I ask you to demand that FERC:

- Analyze *in a single, comprehensive Environmental Review* the cumulative effects and the market demand for all four pipelines proposed to go through the central Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountain region of Virginia and West Virginia
- Reject any route that threatens National Forests and Parks, the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountain region, agricultural-tourism zones, rare or endangered species, critical waterways and wetlands
- Prioritize meeting new energy demand through renewable sources, increased energy efficiency, by upgrading existing pipelines and infrastructure, or co-locating new pipelines within existing utility or road corridors
- Acknowledge that eminent domain is being used to acquire rights of way in *every* case along the route of the ACP. Property owners are given no choice regarding the pipeline on their property, thus feel forced to negotiate for compensation.

It is unjust for the ACP, LLC—a private business venture—to be anointed with the extraordinary power of eminent domain to take private property from taxpaying citizens (your constituents). This pipeline will do enormous harm to the unwilling recipient communities and individual property owners. We depend on you, our elected representative, to ensure the regulatory process is thorough, equitable, and moral—and that all harms are weighed against the professed benefits.

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