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Dear Committee Members:

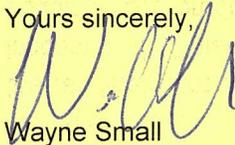
I am writing to you today regarding the proposed Sea 3-facility expansion in Newington. I believe that New Hampshire deserves to have access to safe, less-expensive American-produced propane, and we need the Sea-3 expansion project to manage it. I am asking for your approval of the exemption that will allow Sea-3 to begin construction on this state of the art facility that will benefit so many of us in New Hampshire.

77,000 households rely on propane in New Hampshire; we need it, and Sea-3 has long delivered it safely to us. They are improving the process to ensure we have a constant responsive supply chain using North American propane that can be shipped to us cheaper by rail. The plan for the facility is approved by local government, and the rail lines that were used by opposition to delay the approval process have passed all the necessary safety inspections. This facility is an efficient improvement, and there is no reason to stand in the way of Sea-3 acquiring U.S-produced propane, shipping it to a safe facility, and us enjoying its many benefits in our homes and schools---all at a more reasonable price.

There is opposition; however, it is my understanding that even if this facility is not approved by the Site Evaluation Committee, rail deliveries of propane gas will happen in New Hampshire, so it is preventing nothing to withhold the requested exemption. In fact, it is doing harm, as instead of regular shipments to a facility offering expert handling and state-of-the-art safety features, propane deliveries will instead be offloaded along the rail line onto local tanker trucks by ill-equipped drivers with varying levels of equipment, and almost none of the facility standard safety features like water deluge, auto cut-off, and fast fire suppression. Does this sound like a situation we want occurring?

There is no real reason for this project to be delayed any longer. The benefits are clear: safer, cheaper, and domestically-produced propane is available to New Hampshire now. We should not be forced to continue to purchase higher-priced foreign supplies while a few groundless objections by activists are re-hashed. The facility is state of the art, the rail lines are capable of handling the propane safely, and all of New Hampshire can start saving money. This project has met all the applicable requirements and should be allowed the exemption. We need a yes vote from you so this project can get started.

Yours sincerely,


Wayne Small