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Dear New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee:

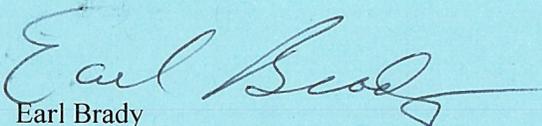
New Hampshire's cold winter climate makes us vulnerable to the often sketchy supply chain of foreign propane producers. It is also expensive to ship by sea, and the supply chain is unresponsive to winter events. Things have changed in America, and we now have a cheaper and more reliable supply available to us from domestic sources that can be shipped by rail. Sea-3 deserves an immediate approval to move forward with their well-conceived facility - this is a good project for us in New Hampshire.

With 77,000 homes in New Hampshire already dependent on propane, and with so much trouble in the world, it is imperative that we secure a constant and uninterrupted supply of propane. Sea-3 is doing that with their project, at their own cost, and sourcing the propane in the US. In short, it's a better system for delivering the benefits of a safe and clean fuel for our citizens. The facility has been approved, the rail lines that were in question have passed their safety inspections, and it is an improvement over the way it is handled now, so there is no reason not to move forward with a project that will benefit so many people in our state.

A strong case could be made that not approving the exemption requested by Sea-3 will do far more to endanger both the public and local propane workers than allowing the facility to begin receiving shipments immediately. The fact is, if this facility is not allowed to receive these rail shipments of propane, then these shipments will continue, but instead of being delivered to a central high-tech facility designed to safely handle large quantities of propane, these deliveries will instead be loaded into tankers all along the rail system directly to dealers. This will be done without the benefit of the highly-trained experts and safety protocols that will exist in the Newington receiving facility. This propane will be put into tankers without automatic shutoffs, water flooding capabilities, or other fire suppression systems. The first time there is some kind of accident under these circumstances, whose fault will it be that this happened? The solution is right in front of us that will prevent that high-risk activity. All you have to do is grant the exemption.

I urge you to quickly grant Sea-3's exemption. They have done all the groundwork, and passed all the safety requirements, and there are frankly no reasons to prevent New Hampshire from having access to less-expensive, domestically-sourced propane with a stable and secure supply chain right here in the U.S. We are going to have bad winters again, and knowing that we have the capability to meet peak demands for winter weather events should make all of us feel better. This project is progress. It is safe, it has met its safety obligations, and its operation saves New Hampshire citizens money. There is no reason to wait another year on this.

Thank you,


Earl Brady