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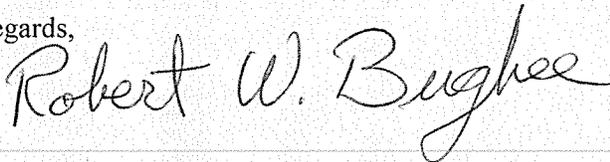
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New Hampshire's cold winter climate makes us vulnerable to the often sketchy supply chain of foreign propane producers. It is also expensive to ship by sea, and the supply chain is unresponsive to winter events. Things have changed in America, and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

The opponents of this project expansion often fail to note what an improvement the facility is over the status quo. Without this propane handling facility in operation, many local propane dealers will find it necessary to offload bulk propane along railroad stops into their tanker fleets. The problem with this is that these railroad sidings lack safety features inherent in a dedicated use facility. Without automatic cutoffs, water deluge, and fire safety systems such as those inside the Newington terminal, there is far greater risk of accidents and spillages that could endanger communities in our state. This facility is not only a good idea, it is the safer choice.

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.

Regards,



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