

## The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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Dear Committee,

I write in support of the expansion of the material delivery capacity at the propane storage facility in Newington.

My perspective may be unique regarding the issues of propane unloading, loading and transport in New Hampshire. I am a retired member of the Baltimore City Fire Department with twenty-seven years of service as a fire officer. As part of my duties I often commanded the Hazardous Material Response Team. I am certified in responses to all hazardous material problems. Part of the response area I was responsible for encompassed both Baltimore Harbor Tunnels, The Port of Baltimore Dundalk Marine Terminal, portions of the Baltimore Beltway, rail yards and rail tunnels. Every conceivable hazardous material came in to, was stored in, shipped from or traveled thru Baltimore.

The propane facility in question has a reported forty-year safety record to be envied in the industry. The standards for personnel and equipment involved in the propane business are extensive and redundant. Understanding the need in our state for energy at reasonable prices prompts me to ask for your approval for the expansion plans before you. As with all matters concerning New Hampshire I am available for consultation or any other input at my disposal.

Sincerely,

John Reagan

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