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Dear Legislators,

I am writing in opposition to S.B. 1078, H.B. 6985, and R.S.B. 1074. I am asking you to oppose these bills because of the specific language within them that would lead to Connecticut ratepayers subsidizing the construction of Spectra Energy's natural gas pipeline expansions in the Northeast. These pipelines carry fracked gas from the Marcellus shale across the northeast, the extraction of which creates devastating effects on the people and land of Pennsylvania as well as exacerbating climate change. Indeed a 2012 Cornell University study found that methane gas generates a carbon footprint 20% larger than traditional coal, when extraction efforts are considered in addition to the process of burning.

Moreover, these pipelines are being built by Spectra for their own profit, not the public good, and should not be subsidized by public ratepayers who are already suffering increased electric bills. To do so amounts to simple corporate welfare. We do not require more gas, we require more renewable energy and continued efforts at increased efficiency and conservation. Please oppose these bills.

Kind Regards,

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