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Dear Chairman McBroom and Committee Members,

I have just become aware of the House Bill 4540. I am very upset that anyone could even consider such a bill. A pipeline runs right down the middle of my 14 acre property. Another pipeline runs along side of my property. I have lived here and raised my family here for 31 years and am glad the pipeline keeps me informed of what I need to know. I feel that I know what I can expect when they are working next to me. I also have tanks, ponds, buildings, a pumping station and many other unknown gadgets on the edge of where my home is.

If this bill passes I will not feel safe in my own neighborhood or even on my own land. The energy companies would be able to do things that don't comply with safety regulations. Federal laws that passed after 9/11 should provide the protection needed for our state's energy infrastructure against terrorism.

Does this committee really think the terrorists can't look on a map and use today's technology to find *anything* they want to find! It is unbelievable that any US representative could not realize this.

I am glad to live in the United States where politicians and committees such as yours give us the freedom to have the information we need to feel safe and secure. I like knowing the pipeline companies that are in my neighborhood can and will communicate with me. I like knowing that if there is a known plan to terrorize our energy infrastructure; I will be able to evacuate myself and neighbors, if need be.

By passing House Bill 4540 you will be taking that freedom from me and other US citizens. Maybe you don't live by a pipeline or industrial area such as ours, but I have lived here, knowing I was reasonably safe for many years. Please don't take that away from me. Please be considerate of your own US citizens and keep the freedom of being secure in our community.

Sincerely,

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