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## Lanza Calls For Hunterdon Freeholders To Oppose PennEast Permit Application

John E. Lanza, Deputy Director of the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board, citing his personal opposition to the PennEast pipeline, has called for the Freeholder Board to consider a resolution expressing concerns about the company's re-submittal to the NJDEP for a Freshwater Wetlands permit.

Lanza stated, "The Freeholder Board in 2014 passed a resolution without opposition, opposing this project for a host reasons and those reasons haven't changed.

What has not changed, among other issues, is this pipeline disturbs a fifty-three acre well service area in Holland Township and PennEast has given the Board no information that it has done anything to address that. In addition, there are over 2,000 acres of Hunterdon County farmland and conservation easements that the taxpayers have paid millions of dollars for, that are necessarily destroyed by the encroachment of the pipeline through those areas."

Lanza requested a resolution expressing the opinion of the Board be discussed at the next Freeholder meeting, noting, "We are advised that there should be a thirty-day comment period by the NJDEP on the application and our environmental consultant says that period might be extended out to ninety days simply because of the size and scope and importance of this project.

I think it is appropriate that at some point within the period this Board ought to be heard on its input."

PennEast received federal approval in January 2018 for the proposed 120-mile, 36-inch-diameter underground line originating near Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale gas-producing region in Dallas, Luzerne County, that traverses western Hunterdon County, ending at Transco's pipeline interconnection near Pennington, Mercer County, in New Jersey.

The pipeline company received a federal judge's approval last December to assess and take New Jersey properties it needs for the project, via eminent domain. However, the company needs approval by the NJDEP of the Freshwater Wetlands permit to proceed with pipeline construction.