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Mr. David Justin
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Dear Mr. Justin:

I have been contacted by a number of residents from the Cumberland Hills Subdivision of Rochester Hills, Michigan regarding plans by the Sunoco Pipeline Company to begin maintenance on a petroleum pipeline.

The scheduled maintenance includes the removal of mature vegetation over a 40 foot wide area above the buried pipeline. This pipeline runs under the yards of hundreds of homeowners, stretching from Sarnia, Michigan down into Ohio and onward. While Cumberland Hills is the first subdivision to be affected by this maintenance, it is the first of many neighborhoods throughout Michigan where homes and property could be dramatically altered by Sunoco's plans for maintenance.

I have contacted the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding this issue and their representatives have informed me that this pipeline falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). I have contacted PHMSA and will also be working with Congressman Joe Knollenberg to address this issue at the federal level.

As the representative of the 12th Senate District of the State of Michigan, I respectfully request that Sunoco take all necessary steps to mitigate the impact this maintenance will have on the homes, property values, and quality of life these homeowners have enjoyed for more than 50 years while the pipeline has been in operation. I would also respectfully request that every effort be made to provide these homeowners with specific information regarding the nature of the improvements.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this urgent matter. Please contact me directly with any questions you may have regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Bishop
Senate Majority Leader
State Senator, 12th District

cc: Congressman Joe Knollenberg
Kevin Boehne, PHMSA Central Region Chief
Jeffrey Peters, Director of Government Relations, Sunoco, Inc.