June 1, 2023

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, the organizations signed below respectfully request your support for Senator Tim Kaine’s amendment to the debt ceiling bill that would remove the section related to the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP).

The deal negotiated by President Biden and Leader McCarthy includes a section that would force the completion of MVP, a 304-mile interstate pipeline that would transport gas from northern West Virginia to southern Virginia. Among other things, the deal attempts to prevent any courts from reviewing the legality of federal or state agency decisions made to approve the pipeline. This provision offers special benefits for only one corporate entity. While there are other egregious provisions of concern in the bill, this letter focuses on the section regarding MVP.

Claims that MVP construction is almost complete, has no legal hurdles ahead of it, or that it is needed to meet energy demands, are without merit. Two federal authorizations are currently being challenged in court, and three other federal decisions and one state decision could be challenged in court if the relevant agencies continue their failure to properly review the environmental consequences of the project. Moreover, proponents’ arguments that the project is necessary for energy security or national security lack evidence. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s 2023 Annual Energy Outlook, domestic demand for gas is projected to be flat or falling over the coming decades. At the same time, European gas demand is also on the decline.

MVP construction is currently only 55.8% complete to final restoration; more than 400 difficult stream and wetland crossings remain, including many in watersheds containing endangered aquatic species. MVP has previously had multiple federal and state authorizations vacated in federal court, and the construction that occurred under the now-voided permits has been so problematic that its developers have been cited by West Virginia and Virginia regulators for more than 500 alleged violations of permit conditions and environmental laws. In addition, local landowners have had their property taken through eminent domain for private profit when there is no proven public benefit.

As Senator Kaine has said, “[a]llowing one party disappointed with the actions of a court to pick a different court, bypass normal administrative processes, and eliminate meaningful judicial review of its project would set a dangerous precedent that could easily lead to abuse and even corruption in the future.”

This interstate gas pipeline is a speculative private venture that has significant climate implications and has already caused environmental destruction. It is completely unrelated to the essential business of raising the debt ceiling and is not necessary for national security or energy security. Our federal judicial branch should be allowed to review its compliance with federal laws.

We strongly urge you to support the Kaine amendment to remove the MVP-related provisions from the debt ceiling bill.
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