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The Honorable Reagan Taylor
Madison County Judge Executive
Madison County Courthouse
101 West Main Street, Suite 100
Richmond, Kentucky 40475

RE: Proposed Ordinance, 16-06

Judge Taylor:

On behalf of the Kentucky Gas Association, which represents the Commonwealth's local distribution and interstate pipeline companies, I am writing to oppose Proposed Ordinance, 16-06, as it would impose unduly, burdensome conditions on the lawful construction and operation of FERC-approved interstate pipeline infrastructure.

The membership of the Kentucky Gas Association is, collectively, one of the leading economic drivers in the Commonwealth, responsible, in part, for the creation of approximately 14,000 Kentucky jobs. Moreover, Kentucky's natural gas industry provides almost 100,000 commercial and industrial customers with efficient and affordable energy. This commerce not only enhances Kentucky's business climate, but also supports our nation's effort to decrease dependence on foreign energy.

Interstate pipelines are the arteries of American economic development, delivering safe, reliable energy to millions of customers throughout the State of Kentucky and the United States. Proposed Ordinance, 16-06, threatens that commerce, and would affect the businesses and individuals that are reliant on Kentucky's natural gas industry. Furthermore, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates the construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines and appurtenant facilities, including compressor stations. As such, be advised that Federal Statutes and U.S. Supreme Court Law have long established that individual states, much less local governments, are prohibited from interfering with the safe and reliable interstate transportation of natural gas. In closing, Proposed Ordinance, 16-06, should be withdrawn.

Regards,

Matthew Tackett
Executive Director
Kentucky Gas Association