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Members of the Brookline Selectboard
One Main Street
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Dear Ms. Adams and Mssrs. Philpot, Dowling, Carr and Denehy:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the natural gas pipeline proposed in southern New Hampshire. I am aware of and understand the variety of concerns outlined in your letter and the other letters that I have received from people not only in Brookline, but also in Hollis and throughout southern New Hampshire.

As a state, we need to work to diversify our state's energy supply and increase its reliability in order to ensure our competitiveness and to lower prices for families and businesses.

But as we pursue lower energy costs, we must also protect New Hampshire's high quality of life, which depends on our natural beauty, and clean environment, including clean water supplies. As you have noted, Kinder Morgan has yet to file a final proposed route with the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee. It is our hope that the company will work with communities to address their concerns, including considering proposals that would minimize disruption and risk to other special places.

My staff has been following developments in Hollis and Brookline closely and will continue working with federal, state, and local partners to ensure that there is a transparent and thorough review by government at various levels. It is imperative that officials listen to the concerns of affected communities and the people of New Hampshire and that we incorporate input from local communities.

Again, thank you for contacting me about this issue. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other issues.

With every good wish,

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Margaret Wood Hassan