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Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulator Commission
301 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20407

Dear Secretary Bose,

For the record, please note that the (add name of club) opposes the Mountain Valley Pipeline proposal to build a 303-mile natural gas pipeline from West Virginia through the mountains of Virginia because the pipeline proposal irreparably harms the Appalachian Trail. Our summarized reasons for opposing the pipeline proposal follow:

The Appalachian Trail is a treasured landscape, congressionally established as the first national scenic trail in this country for its exceptional vistas.

1. We are aware that the pipeline applicant did not give the A.T. appropriate consideration and that the information and maps used by the pipeline company in their proposal were inaccurate and incomplete.
2. We are aware that the pipeline applicant proposed a route that seriously impedes the scenic values of the A.T. We know through simulations conducted by an independent contractor that Mountain Valley Pipeline's routing requires hundreds of miles of forest to be cut down in swaths the width of a 12-lane highway.
3. We also are aware that the pipeline company attempted to hide the visual impacts from the public.

The A.T. is perhaps the most significant land feature in the United States for its natural resources including its important role in maintaining healthy watersheds.

4. We are aware that Mountain Valley Pipeline's proposed route puts natural resources, including healthy watersheds vital to small rural communities, in jeopardy. The route goes up and down excessively steep grades, over karst topography and known seismic zones, and across rivers and streams setting up the potential for catastrophic conditions.

The A.T. is part of our nation's national forests and a unit of the National Park system, both of which valued by the American public. Over three million people visited the A.T. last year and those travelers contribute significantly to local economies.

5. Mountain Valley Pipeline's proposal disregards congressional actions that protect the A.T. and the surrounding landscape. Furthermore, an unsightly pipeline corridor jeopardizes local economies based on the outdoor recreation industry.

Finally, Mountain Valley Pipeline presented an incomplete and inaccurate proposal with their publication of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in September 2016 - with glaring

errors as regards the A.T. Out of view of the public, the pipeline company has added nearly 19,000 pages of documents that have not been analyzed or put in context.

FERC, honoring its responsibilities to fully and completely evaluate proposals before siting decisions, should ask Mountain Valley Pipeline to resubmit their proposal or FERC should deny the project.

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(Signatures)

Cc: The Honorable Mark Warner
The Honorable Tim Kaine
The Honorable Morgan Griffith
The Honorable Robert Wittman
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The Honorable David Brat
The Honorable Donald Beyer
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