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Dear Emmie,

Thank you for writing to me with your concerns about reversing the flow of the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line (PMPL). Even though the operators of the pipeline have not submitted any formal plans to reverse the direction of the flow, I am paying close attention to this issue and agree that any significant changes in its function or contents warrant review. Although the operators have been good neighbors and sound environmental stewards, transparency and quality of information are paramount in this sort of situation and I am committed to requiring and facilitating both as the issue develops.

In the spirit of the executive order that requires a Presidential Permit and related impact review for any new petroleum fuel infrastructure project that crosses international borders, I believe that substantially different uses of existing infrastructure warrant a review as well. Currently the PMPL carries crude oil north to multiple refineries in Canada, however as tar sands production increases in Canada, extraction firms are looking at the PMPL's viability to get their product south to market. I believe the transport of diluted bitumen (often referred to as tar sands oil) in the PMPL would certainly qualify as a substantially different use and if this were to be proposed, I would request that it hinge on a presidential permit and impact review.

Thanks again for your message; I'm sure we will both continue to follow this issue closely in the future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angus", followed by a horizontal line.

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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