



Dear advocate for climate and health solutions,

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action (VCCA) is writing to express our recognition and appreciation for your support as an Amici Supporting Petitioner in the recent *Petition for Review of a Decision of the State Air Pollution Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality (Permit No. 21599)* in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

VCCA is an organization representing over 300 doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals across the Commonwealth advocating for climate solutions to protect the health of our patients and our communities. We actively oppose pipelines and other fossil fuel infrastructure due to the negative impacts on Virginians' health today and our future tomorrow.

Your stand on this issue is the type of bold advocacy that is required to address our present climate challenges. We are grateful for your actions and look forward to working with you supporting the health of our citizens and opposing continued proliferation of fossil fuel infrastructure. Now is the time for a rapid transition to a clean energy economy.

We have attached our December 2018 statement on this issue for your reference and look forward to continued conversation and progress.

In Gratitude,

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action

Samantha Ahdoot, MD, Chair and Co-founder of VCCA

Dec 2018 VCCA Statement on Proposed Pipelines and Compressor Station

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action, representing over 250 doctors, nurses and allied health professionals across Virginia, supports the rapid transition to clean energy sources that protect the health and welfare of families and communities in the Commonwealth. The children, parents, grandparents and citizens in our care cannot be healthy if the air, water and soil are contaminated with pollutants. Virginians need a safe and stable climate for their health, safety and their prosperity.

In our letter to the Department of Environmental Quality dated September 11, 2018, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action expressed significant concerns that the draft permit and air modeling report for the proposed Buckingham Compressor Station do not assess or comprehensively consider health impacts and fail to adequately protect vulnerable at risk populations who reside near the proposed compressor.

Additionally, recent reports from the National Climate Assessment and Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change highlight our deep concerns that Virginia's continued investment in fossil fuel infrastructure such as natural gas pipelines perpetuates a commitment to energy sources that endanger the health of our patients and communities.

The safety and health of Virginians should guide the consideration of any proposal. Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action strongly opposes the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley Pipelines and the Buckingham Compressor Station as being harmful to the health and welfare of families and communities across the Commonwealth today and for generations to come.

Amici Supporting Petitioners:

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