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August 10, 2021

The Honorable Governor Tom Wolf
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Secretary Patrick McDonnell
PA Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Governor Wolf and Secretary McDonnell:

Today marks one full year since Sunoco/Energy Transfer spilled more than 8,000 gallons of drilling fluid into wetlands and a tributary creek adjacent to Marsh Creek State Park. One full year, and still 33 acres of Marsh Creek Lake—a wildlife habitat, public drinking water source, and popular recreational destination—remain closed to visitors and polluted with drilling mud of undisclosed composition.

Three days after the August 10, 2020, spill, we and several of our fellow legislators called on DEP and the administration to pull Energy Transfer's permits in Chester County. In the 12 months since, we and our constituents have repeatedly asked for updates on the spill remediation and called on DEP to hold Energy Transfer accountable for its actions. But instead of requiring Energy Transfer to clean up its existing mess at Marsh Creek, DEP is considering the operator's plans for a reroute that would bring pipeline construction closer to the lake, through additional wetland areas and waterways.

On this one-year anniversary of the spill, which has directly impacted our constituents, we are compelled to remind you that the mission of the DEP is "to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and to provide for the health and safety of its citizens," not to ease the way for a multi-billion-dollar, out-of-state corporation that has continually demonstrated disregard for anything and anyone in its path.

It is time to do your jobs as public servants to the citizens of this commonwealth. Hold Sunoco accountable for breaking the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law and make them clean up their mess at Marsh Creek Lake *now*.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Danielle Friel Otten in black ink.

Danielle Friel Otten
PA State Representative
155th Legislative District

Handwritten signature of Katie Muth in black ink.

Katie Muth
PA State Senator
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