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A Message from Representative Schroder:

"I strongly believed all along that it was unnecessary to disturb the Brandywine with the inherent risks involved with any kind of crossing. While I am not yet fully informed on the engineering and technology to be used by Williams as permitted by DEP, it appears to be a very good result for the community, residents and anyone concerned about the quality of Chester County's signature stream. The lesson to be learned here is that we in Chester County should settle for nothing less than the best protection for our natural resources regardless of pressures imposed by outside companies and interests. If we stand united as a community, we will succeed in protecting our rivers, streams and watersheds for future generations.

I commend Secretary Hanger and the DEP for their outstanding work in reviewing the Williams permit application. They stood up to pressure from Williams for quick approval and acted with the public's best interest in mind. Working together with my legislative colleagues we were able to make the state portion of the process work for the community and prevent the pipeline company from having its way as it has had all along with FERC.

Major reforms of the FERC process are needed to level the playing field between the industry and the communities hosting pipelines. FERC must be required to consider the environmental, historic and planning impact of its decisions, as well as the impact on residential and business properties. Right of Way grabs must be prohibited so that individual landowners are no longer victim to a process they have no familiarity with and little power to fight in Washington.

I look forward to the State House Consumer Affairs Committee considering my legislation to form an interstate compact to take away pipeline siting decisions from FERC in favor of a more regional approach to this issue."

Curt Schroder

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