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Governor O'Malley, Senator Mikulski,
Senator Cardin, and Congressman Hoyer:

This is WRONG!

The controversial

Cove Point plan to liquefy and export fracked gas on the Chesapeake Bay

in Calvert County would:

- Trigger massive amounts of climate pollution in Maryland
- Incentivize "fracking" drilling in up to 18 Maryland counties and throughout the region
- Expose homes in Calvert Co. to potential explosion, fire, and "vapor cloud" catastrophes
- Increase smog and endanger water supplies in southern Maryland
- Increase liquefied gas tanker ship traffic dramatically in the Bay
- Cost the industrial equivalent of 12 Ravens stadiums to build (\$3.8 billion)
- Bring severe traffic to Calvert, and likely bring new invasive plant species
- Bring new pipelines and compressor stations to our state

And yet federal regulators refuse to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement for Cove Point!

As leaders of environmental, student, community, and health groups across Maryland, we think this is wrong. Last week, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a limited and starkly insufficient "Environmental Assessment" for the proposed Cove Point liquefied natural gas export facility. The report does not adequately address the direct and cumulative impacts of the Cove Point plan. That plan would take hydraulically fractured gas from throughout our region – and almost certainly from throughout Maryland – and liquefy it to minus 260° F before shipping it to Asia. This plan will raise gas prices in Maryland, reduce energy independence in America, and – thanks to pipelines known to leak methane – almost certainly be as bad for the climate as coal. Yet FERC and gas company Dominion Resources say the Cove Point mega-project will have no "significant" impact on the environment and public health. If that's true, why do they refuse to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement? What are they afraid of? We believe the dangers are too great to settle for anything but the most thorough review.

Governor O'Malley, Senator Mikulski, Senator Cardin, and Congressman Hoyer: We appeal to you to protect Maryland lives and livelihoods. Demand that FERC conduct a full and customary Environmental Impact Statement for Cove Point now! Let's finally get all the facts on the table.

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