



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE
Office of the President

June 24, 2020

Ms. Mary Phipps-Dickerson
407 Race Street
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Dear Ms. Phipps-Dickerson:

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore I write today to encourage and support the extension of the natural gas pipeline project from Wicomico County into Somerset County. It will allow UMES to take advantage of the reduced energy cost and carbon footprint our institution makes annually.

We have made great strides, named as the top Green HBCU by *American School and University Magazine* in 2014 for our investments in solar energy and the LEED certification for our Engineering and Aviation Sciences Complex, which uses geo-thermal energy and has energy savings and cost efficiencies built in. Bringing natural gas to us will allow us to continue making additional movement toward 100% renewable, sustainable energy.

An investment in natural gas now will make for a greener future for Maryland and bring economic development opportunities to Somerset County. Governor Hogan, in his 2020 priorities even called for renewable energy requirements for our state of 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2040. Please help us to do our part.

We at University of Maryland Eastern Shore are grateful for the Governor's commitment to a cleaner environment and do hope to see the project through to completion.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this or any issue relevant to the project.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi M. Anderson".

Heidi M. Anderson, PhD, FAPhA
President