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January 9, 2013

Senator Karen Montgomery 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Montgomery:

The Greater Olney Civic Association, an umbrella group representing over 40,000 residents in the Olney area, overwhelmingly passed a resolution to support the STRIDE legislation during the January meeting. The delegates believe that this legislation will be the most cost effective way to replace the aging gas pipes.

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Many of the pipes in Maryland are cast iron and have reached or exceeded their life expectancy. Having an approved rate to cover the replacement costs provides a guaranteed income source which lowers costs through less frequent rate cases, lower interest on borrowing, and lower operational costs as replacements can be more done efficiently. In the long term, GOCA feels this is a good outcome for gas customers.

Sincerely,

Barbara Falcigno

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cc:

Senator Roger Manno Delegate Anne Kaiser Delegate Eric Luedtke Delegate Craig Zucker Delegate Sam Arora Delegate Bonnie Cullison Delegate Benjamin Kramer