

NEW BUSINESS

Referral No. 4124

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Introduced by:

Hon. Beth J. Davidson, Sponsor

Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Co-Sponsor

**RESOLUTION NO. 280 OF 2025
URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL AND RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES TO DENY PERMITS
FOR THE ENBRIDGE GAS EXPANSION KNOWN AS "PROJECT MAPLE"**

DAVIDSON/ENTIRE LEGISLATURE: UNAN.

WHEREAS, the Enbridge company has proposed an expansion of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Line—referred to as “Project Maple”—which would significantly increase the flow of fracked gas through compressor stations and pipeline segments traversing Rockland County and other regions of New York; and

WHEREAS, Project Maple would increase gas delivery capacity by up to 500,000 Dekatherms/day through areas including the Town of Ramapo, which is densely populated and home to vulnerable and marginalized communities already facing environmental health disparities; and

WHEREAS, this proposal poses a public safety concern due to its proximity to Indian Point’s radioactive waste and spent fuel rods, and presents a serious risk to New York’s air and water quality, including the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure is fundamentally at odds with the goals of New York’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates a transition away from fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, compressor stations emit pollutants linked to asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), low birthweight, and cancer, disproportionately affecting BIPOC and low-income residents along the pipeline route; and

WHEREAS, Rockland County currently enjoys an “A” rating for air quality according to the American Lung Association, and the health and environmental well-being of its residents must be protected from any degradation resulting from Project Maple; and

WHEREAS, Project Maple would also negatively impact property values, natural open space, tourism, and the ongoing decommissioning efforts of the Indian Point nuclear facility; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Project Maple would come precariously close to the decommissioning Indian Point nuclear plant. The proximity of the pipeline expansion to radioactive contaminants and the increased flow of gas by this site would be incredibly dangerous to the region; and

WHEREAS, over 50 local and state elected officials across New York have already voiced opposition to this project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature strongly urges Governor Kathy Hochul and relevant New York State agencies to deny any and all permits for Enbridge's Project Maple; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature affirms its commitment to environmental justice, public health, and the integrity of New York's climate goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, Hon. William B. Weber, New York State Senator, Hon. Peter Harckham, New York State Senator, Hon. Aron B. Wieder, New York State Assemblyman, Hon. Patrick Carroll, New York State Assemblyman, Hon. Karl Brabenec, New York State Assemblyman, Hon. Christopher Eachus, New York State Assemblyman, the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation Basil Seggos, and to such other persons as the Clerk in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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