

June 16, 2017

Brett Glymph  
Executive Director  
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Warrenton, VA 20186

Dear Ms. Glymph:

I am writing to comment on Virginia Outdoors Foundation's consideration of a proposal under §10.1-1704 of the Code of Virginia to divert land from open-space use so that it may be used for an access road for the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP).

The Nature Conservancy's request to VOF is identical to the one we made regarding a similar proposal for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). I refer you to our letter of June 8, 2016 and the comments we made at VOF's February 9, 2017 meeting. We urged VOF to delay consideration of the proposed diversion until after the FERC certificate is granted or denied. We appreciate VOF having adopted this approach regarding the ACP, and request and expect that you do the same regarding the MVP.

As we pointed out in our June 2016 letter, the MVP would impact an easement that TNC owns. We are taking the same approach to that proposal as we urge VOF to take here: we will not agree to any diversion of that property from the uses required to be maintained by the conservation easement. If that proposed pipeline is approved and the project developer chooses to take the land by eminent domain, then we will discuss compensation with the developer at that time.

Thank you for taking The Nature Conservancy's views into account as VOF makes its decisions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Nicole M. Rovner  
Associate State Director for External Affairs

cc: The Honorable Molly Joseph Ward, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources