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Dear Chesapeake City Council Members,

On behalf of The Chesapeake Alliance, I'm reaching out to express our support of PLN-REX-2024-019.

This is a simple rezoning application for property on which Virginia Natural Gas (VNG) has operated for the last 65 years.

The approval of a compressor station is regulated by the state and federal government and is subject to stringent requirements particularly when it comes to safety.

The company provides natural gas to Chesapeake's residents, our hospitals and medical centers, our schools, libraries, city hall, senior living communities, our first responder stations, houses of worship, restaurants, and small businesses. When Dominion Energy's power goes out, VNG continues to provide energy to these places.

The company provides over \$1 million in annual tax revenues to our city. Every year they make charitable contributions to our community in the amount of \$ 500,000 to organizations like ForKids, CHIP of Hampton Roads, New Vision Youth Services, among others.

Many of you attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new VNG corporate headquarters last month. VNG has made a \$50 million investment and will generate 100 new jobs for our community. VNG is an excellent corporate citizen, and we are fortunate to have them in our city.

I visited the site during one of the many tours offered to the public. The property is located in an industrial area surrounded by other industrial-type buildings that generate noise, dust, heavy equipment traffic, etc.

The closest residential development, Eva Gardens, is a significant distance from the property. There is a large barrier of forestry (larger than their neighborhood itself) buffering the site from the neighborhood.

There is significant oversight of the operations including a dedicated general manager who is on-site during operations.

In addition, this compressor station utilizes newer technology and will allow us to retire a 2-million-gallon above-ground propane tank that has been in operation since the 1950's. If safety is your concern for our citizens, then this new facility will be much safer.

We appreciate your support in moving this project forward for our city.

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