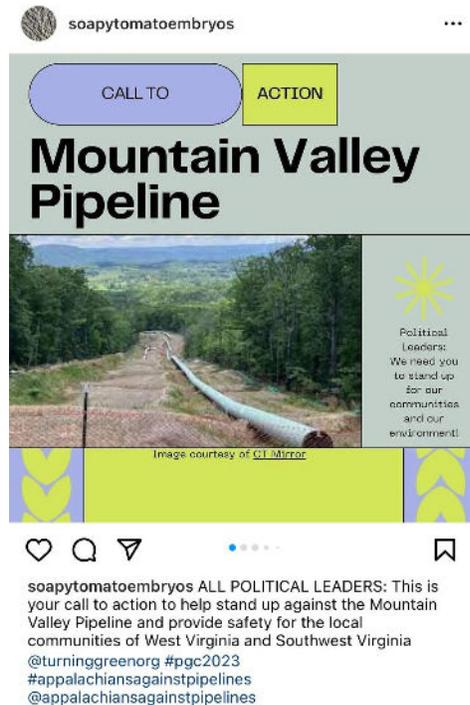


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CALL TO ACTION: Mountain Valley Pipeline



What is the Mountain Valley Pipeline?

- A natural gas pipeline ranging from West Virginia, through the Appalachian Trail and surrounding areas, to the bottom of Virginia. It is currently being extended to the top of North Carolina.

How does this affect local communities?

- It is promised to local communities that this would benefit them through job opportunities and increased revenue. They were also told that the natural gas would be used locally, providing a cheap energy source that they otherwise would not be able to obtain easily.
- Instead, the construction of the pipeline has decreased property value. It also acts as a form of harassment to local communities as they try to live their lives with construction of the pipeline. In some instances, people's properties are being taken away from them in order to be used for construction.
- As well as this, due to the unregulated nature of construction, the pipe isn't safely placed in the ground. Were the natural gas to be pumped through it, the pipe would blow up with a 1 mile blast radius, similar to a bomb. This is dangerous due to the amount of communities and amenities that the pipe is in 1 mile radius to.

How does this affect the environment?

- The construction is very unregulated, and therefore ignores laws and regulations regarding ecologically safe construction
- In 2019, the construction was halted because 4 endangered species were found in the Appalachian area. With the Endangered Species Act of 1973, plus the multiple violations against water quality regulations (dumping of chemicals) and destruction of habitat and topography, there was enough reason to stop construction.

How is this controversial?

- Politically, the construction of the pipeline was able to restart due to the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which at the bottom stated that all other court rulings do not apply to the MVP construction anymore. SCOTUS did not accept the appeal against this, proving an imbalance in checks and balances.

Political leaders, what can you do?

- We need you to speak up for us and publicly show dislike for the project. We need you to use your influence to persuade SCOTUS to take another look at the case, and understand that not allowing smaller courts to take action can be unconstitutional.
- Provide support for local communities that are being affected by this by setting up programs that will help mitigate the damage. Advocating for these communities and showing the destruction that has been caused to them.