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CROUCH SAYS DEC WRONG TO DENY CONSTITUTION PIPELINE PERMITS

Statement from Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch (R-Bainbridge)

“I am extremely disappointed to say the least; this is the wrong decision. This is not rocket science nor is it the first time a pipeline, be it municipal or commercial, has been proposed. This decision fuels speculation that the governor has held the process back. Is this the same standard the governor and DEC will impose on municipal governments when they want to run local pipelines for water, gas, or the like through their jurisdictions? Instead of spending millions of dollars in ad campaigns telling people across the nation that New York is open for business, we should be putting a sign at the state line stating very clearly that New York is closed and to get out while you can. By denying this project, the governor is effectively admitting that New York is the worst state in the nation in which to do business and is the least friendly to business enterprises. I am extremely concerned about the future of the jobs at Amphenol and Acco Brands in Sidney. As for this governor’s legacy, it will be that he ran upstate New York into economic decline, squandered millions of dollars in economic development funds, and disenfranchised millions of customers.”

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