

September 15, 2010

Mr. Chuck Eaton, Commissioner
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Commissioner Eaton:

I urge you to initiate a safety study of natural gas pipelines in Georgia as soon as possible. The study should involve the types of pipelines installed, the age of pipelines, and the need to replace pipelines as is occurring in other states, among other things.

The recent explosion of a gas pipeline in San Bruno, California illustrates how dangerous these pipelines are. Since 1990, more than 2,800 gas pipeline accidents have been reported with over a third causing death. As you know, the issue of natural gas pipeline safety has become critical in my district since Georgia Power is placing a 36 inch natural gas pipeline in the heart of many neighborhoods. It is important that we determine the safety of pipelines in order to protect the citizens of Georgia.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "V. Fort", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Senator Vincent D. Fort
39th Senatorial District