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Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board
112 State Street
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Dear Ms. Whitney,

As a professional in environmental communications, climate activist, and someone who lives on the border of Hinesburg, Monkton, and Charlotte, the issues pertinent to docket #8791: Investigation pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 30 and 209 regarding the alleged taking of harsh sunflower plants by Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. in Monkton are of deep concern to me.

Vermont Gas Systems has not proven respectful to local landowners or the local environment, and I am writing to request that a full hearing in this case be held open to the public.

There are too many stakeholders involved to keep things secret, and given the current climate and behavior in Washington, D.C., and open process is even more vital than ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Blume', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.