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Columbia Gas of Massachusetts
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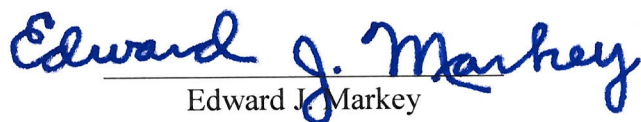
Joseph Hamrock
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NiSource
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Dear Mr. Bryant and Mr. Hamrock,

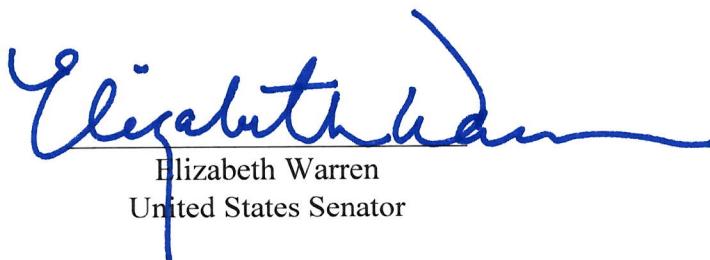
We write to remind you of your commitment to making the communities affected by the September 13 gas explosions fully financially whole—a commitment that must at least include repairing damaged roads and sidewalks to the communities' satisfaction. As part of the restoration of the gas system affected by the disaster, more than 70 miles of road in North Andover, Andover, and Lawrence were dug up, according to reports.¹ To realize your commitment to full remuneration, these roads must be repaired in a manner consistent with the Americans with Disability Act requirements and any other municipal codes and regulations.

Residents have already lived through months without gas service to their homes and months of disruption caused by pipe replacement projects. Columbia Gas and NiSource must provide reassurance that all of the municipalities' requests will be met, in order to have a chance of rebuilding trust while rebuilding infrastructure. We ask that you work with the leaders of the communities of North Andover, Andover and Lawrence and communicate your commitment to make them whole as soon as possible. Please provide the detailed plans for comprehensive restoration to us and to the leaders of North Andover, Andover, and Lawrence once they are made available.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

¹ Zoe Mathews, "Columbia Gas, towns disagree on road repairs," The Eagle-Tribune (Dec. 23, 2018), https://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack_valley/columbia-gas-towns-disagree-on-road-repairs/article_5856c660-733d-5e4c-9119-08b32a453fb7.html.