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**Statement from Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and leading opponent of the PennEast pipeline amongst other battles across the four state region of the Delaware River watershed, regarding Third Circuit Decision on PennEast Pipeline Project, Case Nos. 19-1191 thru 19-1232:**

“With the rights of states to protect their own resources under constant attack from both FERC and the Trump administration, this morning's decision is an important recognition of states’ rights in the fight against fracked gas infrastructure. The Third Circuit agreed with New Jersey that the PennEast Pipeline company cannot condemn state-owned lands to build its proposed pipeline, and that ‘the federal government cannot delegate to private parties its exemption from state sovereign immunity’, upholding New Jersey’s Eleventh Amendment immunity. This victory will not only have powerful implications for the battle against the PennEast pipeline but will have reverberations in states and pipeline battles across the nation. We applaud the Third Circuit for upholding New Jersey’s rights to defend its lands.”

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*Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the four states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.*

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