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Toronto, ON - TransCanada's Energy East proposal to ship tar sands oil across Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick is yet another misguided scheme that puts Canadians in harm's way for the benefit of the oil industry's bottom line.

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The Energy East pipeline plan would push dangerous tar sands oil at high pressures through communities across central and eastern Canada, without local benefit. The risks of shipping oil are painfully obvious. In recent years, North America has witnessed countless disasters resulting from the rush to ship oil. The disasters in Lac-Mégantic, Marshall, or Mayflower are but a few of the recent incidents that cost lives, ruined communities and polluted water. We don't need more communities forced to live daily with the risk of a rupture, spill or worse.

New rules mean that the Federal review process for major energy projects is not up to the task of protecting the interests of Canadians. This means that this proposal will not be subject to a full environmental assessment, and public participation will be restricted.

There are also real concerns that by converting a natural gas pipeline, this proposal could increase natural gas prices for Ontario residents.

British Columbians said no to Northern Gateway, Americans are saying no to Keystone XL. Why would eastern Canada accept these risks?

Canadians are also using less oil. We don't need pipeline megaprojects. For the sake of our planet and our economy, we must focus instead on building a green economy that benefits all Canadians, without the risks that pipelines carry to our climate, our health and our communities.

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