

March 6, 1979

Honorable Trent Lott
House of Representative
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Trent:

Your letter dated February 7, 1979, requests my assistance in rerouting a 6-inch Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) pipeline which is to begin in Alabama and end at Patal, Mississippi.

Our safety regulations governing LPG pipelines (49 CFR Part 195) are designed to assure public safety, but they do not provide for pipeline routing. DOT does not have statutory authority to prescribe LPG pipeline routes nor does any other Federal agency have such authority under current law.

Although we cannot prescribe the route, the Materials Transportation Bureau, which carries out the pipeline safety functions in DOT, will assure that the proposed pipeline is constructed and operated in compliance with the safety regulations,

Sincerely,

Brock Adams