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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the establishment of Nation Interest Energy Transmission Corridors (NIETC's)for the following reasons:

First, the easements place an undo burden on landowners on and near the transmission lines. The compensation cannot begin to cover all of the losses, tangible and intangible that landowners would suffer.

Second, I believe that condemning private property for transmission lines in one state to transport electricity to another is a violation of property rights since it would not significantly benefit the residents of the pass-through states.

Third, the eastern states should develop the utility scale wind resources conveniently located just a few miles off-shore near the load centers along the eastern seaboard, thus eliminating hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private, productive farmland and forest. (We cannot afford to continue to destroy our valuable farmland and forests. We need to protect these lands so we can produce the food we will need for future generations and for exports to keep our country exporting products. Due to this and other expansions, we have less and less farm ground and forests.)

Fourth, renewable energy ought to be injected into the grid and used within the regions it is produced. The regional economies will benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it to other regions.

Finally, I believer that NIETC's are a gross violation of state's right to regulate transmission lines.

I urge you to consider these reasons and please do not establish and National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors.

Sincerely,

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