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

--[if !supportLists]-->· This letter is in regards to my property that I bought and built a house on for my family and with the intention of retirement for my wife and I. I am making large house payments on a piece of property that will be worthless. I was planning to either payoff the land and house before retirement or sale, and use the money for our future needs during the retirement years. I am extremely nervous about the outcome of these transmission lines

--[if !supportLists]-->· <!--[endif]-->The easements place an undo burden on my land that could be near the transmission lines. The compensation cannot begin to cover the all of the losses, tangible and intangible that landowners would suffer.

--[if !supportLists]-->· <!--[endif]-->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.

--[if !supportLists]-->· <!--[endif]-->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. There is no way anyone knows the long-term effect of these transmission lines. They are still debating on the small amount of electricity from your cell phone, whether it is dangerous or not.

--[if !supportLists]--> Renewable energy should be infused into the grid and used within the regions where it is produced. The regional economies will benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it to other regions, eliminating the need for transmission lines. Why is the energy not being used in the area of energy collection? This statement only makes total since. The savings that are gained by the renewable energy will be wasted when building and maintaining cost are realized by carrying energy all the way across the USA. Has anyone questioned what a tornado, earthquake, or massive ice storm can do? Don't think it cannot happen. They said that about the Titanic.

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

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