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Greetings:

I would like to express my opposition to the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors (NIETC's) for the following reasons.

First and foremost, the same landowners should not have to endure the problems and hazards of the construction of transmission lines on their land again and again. We have suffered through the building of three pipelines on our property and are now fighting the Grain Belt "Clean Line" construction. It is not only an inconvenience but our property is torn up and tromped on again and again. At great personal expense we have restored the prairie on our land (which has been in the family for over 100 years) and prairie plants take years to establish and flourish. Every construction project that tears up our land causes us to start over again. It is terribly unfair to establish a corridor and make the same landowners deal with the problems of pipelines and transmission lines. The compensation cannot begin to cover the all of the losses, tangible and intangible that landowners would suffer.

Second, from a national security standpoint, it seems like a bad idea to put a number of pipelines and transmission lines all together making it easier for terrorists (or loonies) to disrupt multiple power/energy supplies by accessing a single unsecured, remote area along the "corridor."

Third, 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.

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, eliminating the need for transmission lines.

Finally, I believe 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 any National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors.

Thank you for your consideration.

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