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The Department of Energy states that they will be "focusing on specific indications of transmission constraints and congestion and their consequences...[and] preliminary findings were shared with state officials and other stakeholders." Please realize that the very essence of what is at stake is property rights and the constraints and consequences that are threatening hard working farmers and property owners. Missouri's Public Service Commission has done an excellent job in allowing affected Missourians to express their opinions and they are in the process of compiling their own research and judgments to see what is beneficial for our state and citizens. Missouri citizens have made it clear that they do not want to be a pass-through state and would like to harness our own renewable energy resources and keep profits local. Please do not put property owners and our rights in jeopardy with federal eminent domain.

I am opposed to the establishment of National 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 the all of the losses, tangible and intangible that hard working landowners would suffer. Landowners have been misled and given incorrect information regarding proposed transmission projects.

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. When proposed electricity is being offered to those states, it is no where near the amounts needed to provide adequately.

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.

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 believe that NIETC's are a gross violation of state's right to regulate transmission lines, and also a violation of property rights.

I urge you to consider these reasons and please do not establish any National Interest

Energy Transmission Corridors.

Thank you,

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