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Dear _____,

I am writing to express my thanks for your opposition to the New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) project, and to the Department of Energy's tentative designation of the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor. Many notice your efforts and our gratitude will be great should you, and we, prevail in preventing this ill-conceived and ill-advised project. I ask that you continue your efforts because this is a very serious issue, which can have extremely devastating financial effects on the communities that it directly impacts. And, with the vast federal designation of the NIETC, the possible financial devastation could be infinitely worse.

The designation of the NIETC is vitally important not only to the current NYRI project but all of the others that will come in the future. Should the Energy Act of 2005 go unchanged, and right of Eminent Domain be allowed to be granted to companies like NYRI, citizens effectively lose their right to own and control their property because they will only own it until another company decides to take it from them.

As you are well aware, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1221, allows the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy regulatory Commission to override the states Public Service Commission and state political leaders and force a project like NYRI on them. This Act also allows the federal government to grant the right to invoke Eminent Domain to companies like NYRI, effectively allowing them to condemn private property all along the route.

Please continue to take all necessary steps and political actions to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to prevent companies like NYRI from being allowed to ignore and escape the stricter provisions of the New York State Public Service Commission, and the scrutiny of our political leaders. Please continue to take action to override or completely remove the provision of the Energy Policy Act that will grant companies like NYRI the right to invoke Eminent Domain.

Thank you for your efforts and attention to this issue which threatens our homes and businesses, our financial well-being, and our health.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

Town, State, Zip: