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Dear Senator Clinton,

At the National Press Club last May you stated:

*...Americans today are once again feeling the effects of runaway oil prices and the failure of our energy policies. Now, there are no easy answers to the complexity of this problem, but I believe that we can get our arms around it. It will take a well-funded, comprehensive approach with staying power. Government has to change basically our do-nothing policies. Businesses have to be part of the solution, not the problem, and provide accessibility, efficiency and innovation. And we as citizens have to do much more to reduce our dependence on oil and begin to conserve and demonstrate more energy efficiency...*

It was reassuring to hear your views, and it will be even more important to hear how you feel about changing that “do-nothing” policy when it comes to the proposed New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) electric transmission line. This is a perfect example of a business being “the problem”. And, it is a problem you can help solve.

I strongly urge you to take a forthright, public stand against this 200-mile-long, \$1.6 billion project that will damage the environment, derail an already fragile Upstate New York economy, raise electric rates for all of Upstate New York and threaten the well being of families, businesses and communities. Please introduce legislation in the Senate complimenting the bills recently introduced by Congressmen Maurice Hinchey, John Hall and Michael Arcuri. Their bills would deny the federal government the ability to supersede the state’s right to decide the merits of this project, and disallow this private business the use of federally sanctioned eminent domain to take people’s property.

Please use your position in the Senate and your campaign for the presidency to advocate for a forward-thinking national energy policy. Let us focus on conservation and alternative energy sources sited closer to the need. And, please join your colleagues in New York’s congressional delegation to fight this ill-advised and ill-conceived project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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