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Dear Attorney General Cuomo,

In the waning moments of the last regular legislative session, the Senate and Assembly agreed it was unwise for a private company like New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) to have the awesome power to take people's property so it could build an ill-conceived electric transmission line across much of Upstate New York. Then, in October, Governor Pataki signed the eminent domain legislation into law and people felt a bit more secure about the futures of our region's environment and economy.

Now NYRI wants to undo that progress. This Canadian-owned company is suing New York State in federal court to have this important piece of protective legislation overturned. I have been heartened in the past by your comments about this 200-mile-long transmission line, and now hope you will take a powerful stand in defending this important protection for residents along the proposed power line route. I am counting on your vigorous defense of eminent domain senate bill S8349-a.

At the same time, I urge you to work to craft state legislation that would, if the court overturns S8349-a, stop this threat to numerous Upstate communities. We agree with your view that New York needs a new, more forward-looking energy policy. Ensuring that NYRI's \$1.6 billion transmission line is blocked is an excellent first step toward that important goal.

I look forward to working with you, members of your staff and others to ensure that the well being of all New Yorkers is not sacrificed for the sake of NYRI's dubious project.

Thank you in advance for your defense of this legislation and for seeking a permanent solution.

Sincerely,

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