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Dear Senator Schumer:

As pleased as I was to read in the February 18 edition of the *Utica Observer Dispatch* that you stated, "I will continue to aggressively oppose any efforts to do an end run around the more thorough and public New York state PSC review process," I want to be sure that those efforts to block New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) include doing what your colleagues in the House of Representatives have done: introduce legislation to ensure that "end run" does not occur.

Earlier this month Congressmen Maurcie Hinchey, John Hall and Mike Arcuri introduced a package of bills that would amend portions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that give NYRI an unfair advantage in developing this unwise and ill-conceived project. Their bills would, among other things, deny NYRI the power of eminent domain under federal law and also remove the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the power to overrule the state on siting decisions.

You have the standing in the Senate and in the nation to ensure private companies like NYRI do not build projects that are damaging to local economies and environments and the homes and lives of your constituents. Please use that power to introduce companion legislation in the Senate to complement what Reps. Hinchey, Hall and Arcuri have done in the House.

This is a defining moment in the future of the nation's energy policy. Please act to ensure that NYRI's \$1.6 billion boondoggle does not, as you said "... cut a jagged edge through too many communities and priceless, pristine areas."

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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