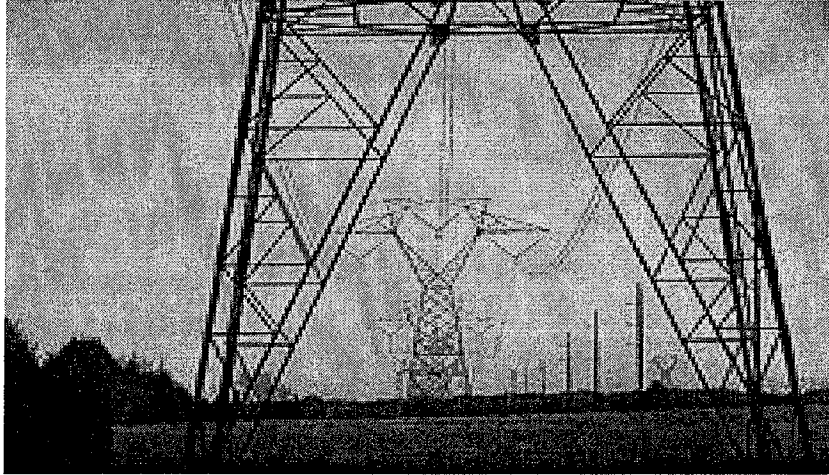


# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We write today to ask for your support of the Hinchey-Wolf amendment to the Energy and Water appropriations bill. The amendment is simply a limitation of funds to implement Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

All we are asking for is time for Congress to fully understand and consider this issue, which we believe is an assault on state rights, property rights, historic heritage and efforts to improve energy efficiency.

This section of energy law allows the Energy Department to designate huge transmission corridors across the country. The first draft designation has been released and includes my district in northern Virginia. But the enclosed map will show you that it could be coming to your district soon.

Groups ranging from the National Governors Association, the American Farm Bureau, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Virginia League of Conservation Voters, American Coalition for Smarter Growth, People's Alliance for Clean Energy, The National Trust for Historical Preservation, Virginians for Sensible Energy Policy and American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy have spoken out against these corridors.

The corridor in Virginia alone traverses some of our country's most historically significant land. It is the land that George Washington surveyed, inspired Thomas Jefferson and was walked by James Monroe. In Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Civil War battlefields of Antietam and Gettysburg lie within the designated corridor. In New York, proposed lines could go along the Upper Delaware Scenic River Basin, a habitat and scenic treasure that many have worked to protect.

This provision has never been debated or voted on by the full House. We are simply asking to slow down the process and allow that opportunity. I urge your support for the Hinchey-Wolf amendment to allow this energy policy to receive the deliberation and consideration it deserves.

Sincerely,

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