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Hon. Jaclyn A Brillling
Secretary, Public Service Commission
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Dear Secretary Brillling,

I would like to add The Building and Construction Trades Council of Rockland County to the list of organizations in New York State who are opposed to the Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. Transmission Line.

The simple fact is that our nation needs additional power generation; we should generate that power from infrastructure improvements within the United States.

Filling the nation's energy needs is a progressive and necessary task that should also be used as a method to create jobs and stimulate the New York and U.S. economy. To give away an opportunity to create real jobs, when New Yorkers desperately need them, while preparing our country for the future is a mistake we cannot afford. We will surely require more power and not less in the future, which should create good lasting jobs to help Stimulate and grow the economy.

We should upgrade the existing Bowline Plant in Haverstraw, New York. We should promote projects such as Cricket Valley and CPV Power Houses in the Hudson Valley. Our opportunities are right in front of us. Let's create American-made jobs to create American-made power.

It's time to bring the jobs back to the American workers in New York State.

Sincerely,



John Maraia Jr.

President

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