

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 29, 2011

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As Members of Congress who represent districts throughout the State of New York, we would like to express our appreciation for your Administration's ongoing support for the Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Project. We encourage you to keep this important infrastructure project at the top of your energy agenda. This privately financed, user-pay transmission project will connect cleaner and lower cost sources of energy with the highly congested markets, such as New York City, it will serve.

Once in operation, 1,000 megawatts of clean, low-cost energy will flow south every day. Studies have demonstrated that the project will generate savings to New York electricity consumers in excess of \$500 million per year, and greatly reduce the energy sector's air pollution footprint in the Northeast.

This project, which has been in development for three years, is at the forefront of the nation's emerging "smart grid" revolution, and addresses many of the goals expressed in your Power NY policy book, as well as your broader objectives of job creation and economic growth. It is our understanding that the project is designed to be installed underwater and underground, and that the line will be invisible and minimally disruptive to host communities. Relying on high voltage direct current transmission technology, the line will enable the New York's Independent System Operator to precisely control the flow of power on the line in a more controlled manner, thus improving the reliability of the overall grid. Further, having these additional energy resources will benefit all residents of New York through the process of supply and demand.

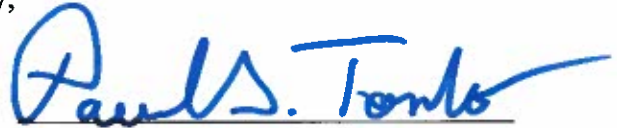
The permitting review for this project has been ongoing before state and federal agencies, and the issuance of a certificate for the project's construction by the New York State Public Service Commission is expected before the end of the year. We believe this project is an important step towards addressing the broader energy challenges facing our state, and our nation. It is our hope that this project proceeds, and leads to greater energy production and transmission within our state. We would encourage you to continue to support projects like this in the future to ensure that consumers and businesses in New York State have access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy, which will encourage economic growth through our great state.

We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further.

Sincerely,



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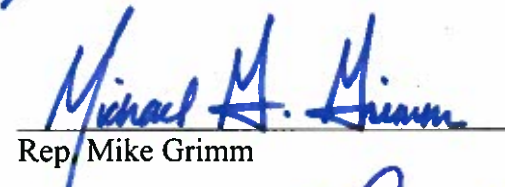
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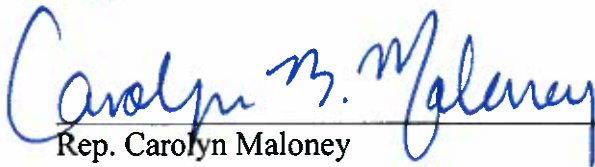
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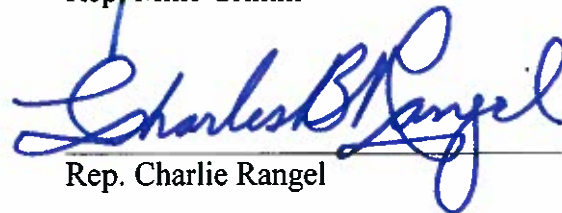
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