

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water  
Development, and Related Agencies  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water  
Development, and Related Agencies  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Fleischmann & Ranking Member Kaptur:

We write to request that the Fiscal Year 2024 Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee provide robust funding to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) offices and programs that are critical to transmission deployment and research.

Our energy transmission infrastructure is essential to providing Americans access to the electric power they need. To ensure American families and businesses always have access to power, it is imperative that we invest in and build new transmission to make our grid more reliable, resilient, and interconnected. Upgraded and expanded transmission lines will keep costs down by bringing diverse types of affordable power to more communities.

Because the expansion and modernization of our national power grid is central to our energy security, we encourage the Subcommittee to consider strong funding for the following:

- **Grid Deployment Office (GDO):** The GDO and its programs play a vital role in modernizing and expanding capacity of the nation's power grid. The authorities, tools, and programs the office administers collectively support development of new transmission lines and a more resilient grid by funding states and utilities through loan and grant programs, and enable the planning, permitting, financing, and stakeholder coordination for transmission projects.
- **Transmission Planning & Permitting Program (TPP):** Strong funding for the TPP within the GDO will support the office's efforts on analysis of transmission system needs and reliability, in addition to supporting new and upgraded energy infrastructure to enhance grid resilience. These funds will support the TPP on assisting states and regions with implementing the deployment of projects that are in the national interest. Additionally, the Department expects increased demand for transmission technical assistance surrounding siting and permitting of transmission projects. Funding will help the GDO evaluate projects, engage with stakeholders (including states), and enhance tools to help drive transmission development.

We understand the Committee is facing many competing priorities and fiscal constraints, but we respectfully request that you continue to support the progress that has already been made through investments in transmission and grid infrastructure in the Fiscal Year 2024 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

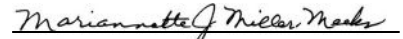
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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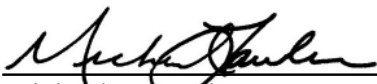
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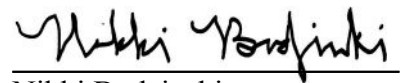
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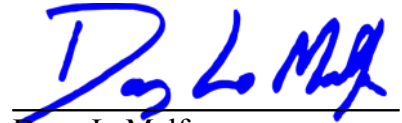
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