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Dear Secretary Golden,

I am writing this letter to you to express my support for the proposed enhancement program of our NJ electric distribution infrastructure that is currently being evaluated.

As a local business owner, and Board of Directors member of both our Economic Development partnership and Chamber Of Commerce in Northern New Jersey, I feel it is essential that this proposed investment in both grid modernization and system resiliency be supported and moved forward.

This infrastructure program of combining both strategies can greatly enhance the performance and sustainability of our power systems.

As we all know New Jersey has the need for increased reliability to our electric distribution infrastructure. Upgrading power lines to carry more electricity and make the lines more durable against the weather emergencies, along with the integration of SmartGrid technology, make for a more reliable system. It allows for the integration of renewable energy sources, which are key in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and addresses climate change and the broader state goals.

The EnergizeNJ program will also have a positive effect on job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region. I trust that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will thoroughly consider the merits of this program while also addressing any environmental or community concerns. I

would like to urge the board to approve funding to ensure the forward momentum of this initiative.

Sincerely,

John Drake