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Dear Secretary Golden,

I am writing to express my strong support for JCP&L's proposed Infrastructure Investment Program – EnergizeNJ. As a leader of a non-profit that lifts up the diverse voices of LGBTQ+ communities across New Jersey, I can attest to the importance of JCP&L's partnership in our efforts. They have been steadfast supporters of ours in ensuring the communities we serve experienced lived equality. I can think back to an issue that Garden State Equality was having with getting a banner hung outside our office in time for Pride Month. Understanding that this type of work usually takes time, we contacted our community liaison Frank Luna, who helped us ensure this work was completed in a tight timeframe. That type of support matters.

I can also attest to the importance of investing in our region's electrical grid, on behalf of not just Garden State Equality, but the residents we serve. The importance of stronger infrastructure cannot be overstated.

We work to address safe environments for youth, improvement of health services that meet LGBTQ+ community needs, and respectful treatment of seniors. It is my belief that a modern and efficient electrical grid is paramount in assisting us to meet the needs of those we serve.

I understand that this project will also have a positive impact on job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region, which would certainly be an added benefit. I urge the board to move forward with the necessary approvals and funding to ensure the successful implementation of this critical initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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