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Sherri L. Golden
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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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Subject: Support for Infrastructure Investment Program II (EnergizeNJ) - BPU Docket No. EO23110793

Dear Secretary Golden,

As a concerned homeowner in the Senior Community Leisure Village West in Manchester, New Jersey, where we continue to have long and frequent power outages, I believe that investing in our state's electrical grid is not only essential for ensuring the reliability and safety of our energy supply but also for promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible practices and providing a safe environment where seniors can rely on their electric supplier to provide reliable electricity as so many of our residents are dependent on devices that require electricity.

The importance of a robust electric distribution infrastructure cannot be overstated. A modern, efficient, resilient electrical grid is crucial for meeting our state's growing energy demands. It enables the integration of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, which are vital in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change.

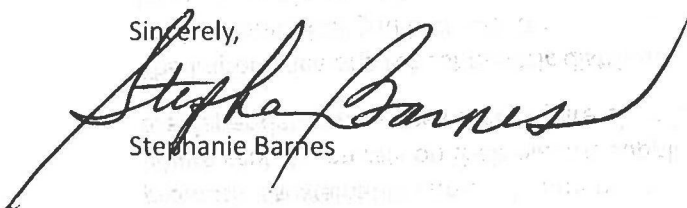
Furthermore, a well-maintained, modernized distribution system enhances the overall reliability of our electricity supply. This, in turn, contributes to the well-being and safety of New Jersey's residents, as it helps prevent power outages during extreme weather events and emergencies.

I believe this program aligns with the state's broader goals, such as transitioning to cleaner energy sources, reducing carbon emissions, and bolstering the resilience of our infrastructure. It will also positively impact job creation and stimulate economic growth in our region.

I trust that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities will carefully consider this program's benefits while addressing any environmental or community concerns. I urge the board to move forward with the necessary approvals and funding to ensure the successful implementation of this critical initiative.

I appreciate your dedication to overseeing and regulating New Jersey's public utilities. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of this project on our great state.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Barnes