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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Eddie Joe Williams
The Honorable Andrea Lea
Senate and House Interim Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
State Capitol, Room 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Sen. Williams and Rep. Lea,

I appreciate your invitation to attend a meeting of the Senate and House Interim Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs on November 10, 2014. While I am unable to be present, I understand that the topic to be discussed pertains to the Plains and Eastern transmission line project being planned by Clean Line Energy.

I want you to know that I am aware of the concerns expressed by those in opposition to this project. I am opposed to the federal government pursuing a partnership on a transmission line project with an entity that is currently not recognized as a licensed utility provider by the State of Arkansas.

I have registered an inquiry with the U.S. Department of Energy regarding its consideration of a partnership with Clean Line at this time and the possible use of federal eminent domain authority if the agency ultimately decides to join the project. The project is currently undergoing a review through the DOE's NEPA process with a draft EIS expected soon. I will continue to remain engaged as this process continues.

I appreciate everything you do to represent your constituents, and I consider it an honor to serve Arkansans in the Third Congressional District. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of future assistance.

incerely,

Steve Womack Member of Congress

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