

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

The Honorable Richard Glick  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
88 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Secretary Granholm & Chairman Glick:

The escalating energy crisis has spurred significant ramifications for hardworking Hoosier families, workers, and industry. As we head into the heat of summer, rising prices for electricity and critical fuels, including gasoline, diesel, natural gas, and coal, are further burdening homes and small businesses across Indiana. At the same time, recent reports from entities charged with overseeing the U.S. electric grid have raised serious concern for potential supply shortages and power outages this summer due to insufficient resource capacity. As one of the largest manufacturing centers in the nation, Indiana relies on a secure, reliable, and resilient electrical grid to produce American-made goods and sustain a robust workforce.

Recently, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) issued an alarming assessment that the Midwest is at very high grid reliability risk due to a confluence of factors, including the notable transition away from base-load coal and nuclear power plants. In NERC's estimation, the Midwest region could face a 2.3% shortfall compared to the previous year<sup>1</sup>. Meanwhile, the Midcontinent Independent Service Operator (MISO), which manages grid reliability for almost all of Indiana, has sounded alarms about the consequences of the administration's burdensome regulations for critical base-load power supplies<sup>2</sup>.

The radical transition away from traditional fuel sources has exacerbated current grid vulnerabilities, leaving families and manufacturers susceptible to an unexpected generation supply shock. Rather than dismiss domestic energy sources, we must prioritize an "all-of-the-above" strategy to utilize all resources available. Whereas a hasty reliance on untested technologies could leave our constituents vulnerable during demand surges or inclement weather, a full range of fuel sources will shore up our energy security and protect Hoosiers from disruptions.

Stable and reliable forms of energy are critical for hardworking Hoosiers who already are facing record-breaking economic burdens. Instead of pushing unsustainable environmental extremism, we have an opportunity to pursue commonsense solutions to lower costs, maintain stability, and made our nation safer and stronger.

Given the urgency of this crisis, we request an update on the Biden Administration's plans to prevent summer power outages and blackouts, and to restore our nation's grid to a reliable and secure future. A dependable power grid is vital not only for Americans' economic prosperity, but also our nation's leadership and competitiveness in the 21st century. We appreciate your expeditious attention to this

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/ra/Reliability%20Assessments%20DL/NERC\\_SRA\\_2022.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/pa/RAPA/ra/Reliability%20Assessments%20DL/NERC_SRA_2022.pdf)

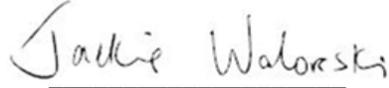
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0588-0010>

pressing issue and look forward to hearing the Biden Administration's plans to prevent avoidable power outages this summer.

Sincerely,



Greg Pence  
Member of Congress



Jackie Walorski  
Member of Congress



Mike Braun  
United States Senator



Todd Young  
United States Senator



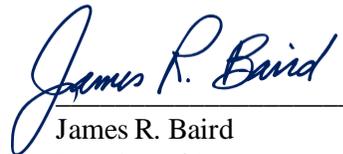
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