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**Subject:** *CREA Testimony in support of HB-3336*

**To:** *House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment*

Honorable Chair Lively, Vice Chair Gamba, Vice Chair Bobby Levy, and members of the committee.

On behalf of CREA, I am writing in **support** of **HB-3336**, relating to electric transmission systems.

Strategic planning for our grid infrastructure is critical, and to have a better understanding of how and when grid enhancing technologies will be used to support efficiencies and resilience throughout the transmission system is among one of our many priorities.

We do want to be cognizant of additional requirements placed on electric companies that may result in additional cost; however, we appreciate the language within this bill that takes this into account, and seeks cost-effective implementation of multiple strategies when proposing additions, improvements or modifications to a transmission system.

CREA appreciates the emphasis on reducing transmission system congestion and the curtailment of renewable resources. It is especially appreciated to see highlighted the need for increasing transmission reliability, along with capacity to connect new renewable energy resources. These are just a few points within the bill as it relates to energy planning in our State and region that we appreciate.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter, and we hope the committee will support these concepts moving forward.

Regards,

James Williams

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Williams", is written over a light blue circular scribble.