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President

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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The Edison Electric Institute supports H.R. 3301, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act, which is scheduled for floor action this week.

Timely decisions for the siting and permitting of energy infrastructure are essential if we are to expand and upgrade the facilities necessary to assure all Americans a robust, reliable and affordable supply of electricity. H.R. 3301 would replace the need for a presidential permit for transmission lines or pipelines that cross a U.S. border with a certificate of crossing to be approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of State, or the Department of Energy, depending on the type of facility. The certificate would be for the cross-border segment, and the bill requires that the certificate be issued, if in the public interest, only upon completion of an analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act.

H.R. 3301 will improve the process for decisions on cross-border projects and protect the public's interest in such projects. We urge swift House approval of H.R. 3301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Kuhn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Kuhn" clearly legible.

Thomas R. Kuhn

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