

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 17, 2026

Dear Governor Evers,

We urge you to immediately enact a moratorium on the 765-kV transmission lines proposed to run through the Driftless region, specifically the BECI 765-kV Transmission Line and the MariBell 765-kV Transmission Line.

As the Governor of Wisconsin, you have the executive authority over the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and can enact a moratorium on these projects to ensure that landowners, farmers, communities, and Wisconsin's Driftless Area are not negatively impacted.

We have heard directly from our constituents who are the landowners, farmers, and communities that will be impacted by these projects. They will be profoundly and negatively impacted by these proposed lines. These transmission corridors would impose substantial burdens on them, including easements, restrictions on future development, impacts on agricultural operation, property value changes, and environmental changes.

The proposed BECI 765-kV Transmission Line and MariBell 765-kV Transmission Line would be going through the geographically unique landscape of the Driftless Area, the only Paleozoic Plateau region in the continental United States, where we are dependent on agriculture and tourism for our economic vitality.

We are additionally concerned that there have yet to be sufficient studies conducted on the potential negative impact on our groundwater due to the construction techniques being proposed. That is completely unacceptable. Wisconsin landowners should not be forced to bear the risk of these projects when basic questions about their potential impact on our groundwater remain unanswered.

These projects should not move forward until these concerns are fully addressed. Wisconsin families deserve better than to have massive transmission corridors pushed through their communities without adequate consideration of the consequences.

We urge you to exercise your authority as Governor, stand with the people of the Driftless Region, and enact a moratorium immediately.

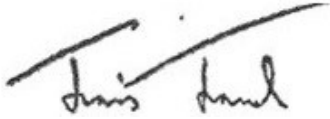
Sincerely,



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Travis Tranel
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