

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1317

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Maria Robinson
Director
U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585-0002

Dear Director Robinson,

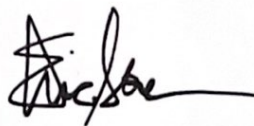
I am writing to urge prompt consideration for Commonwealth Edison's (ComEd's) proposed Smart Grid application for matching funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) through Department of Energy (DOE). ComEd serves many of my constituents, and this project represents an outstanding opportunity to improve grid flexibility, lower energy costs, increase energy reliability, support disadvantaged communities, create green jobs, and support clean energy sources.

ComEd's Data Fusion Empowered Digital Intelligence project ("Deployment of a Community-Oriented Interoperable Control Framework for Aggregating and Integrating DERs and Other Grid-Edge Devices") would benefit families and businesses, especially in the community of Rockford, Illinois that have been historically disadvantaged due to both economic and environmental factors. It also helps to accelerate Illinois' ambitious goal of driving equitable access to clean energy, as outlined in Illinois' recent Clean Energy Jobs Act. We believe that the requested funds from the DOE will serve a vital role in enabling this initiative to move forward and in accelerating the project benefits highlighted in detail below.

ComEd's proposed project aims to bring technology partners and communities together and develop and construct a flexible and field-ready layer of intelligence in the smart grid that can be replicated across the industry. The benefits of the direct and indirect investments in Rockford and beyond will be increased community resilience, an increase in high-quality job creation through job training, and ultimately a decrease in environmental exposure burdens as these infrastructure upgrades support beneficial electrification.

Again, I would like to urge full and fair consideration for ComEd to receive matched funding under the IIJA. Thank you, and I look forward to your favorable review.

Sincerely,



Rep. Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress