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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
322 Cannon House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives LaMalfa and Schrader:

On behalf of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies, I am writing to express my support and appreciation for re-introducing the "Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act" in the 115th Congress.

Managing electric transmission and distribution lines on federal lands is an integral component of electric companies' programs to protect the security and reliability of the power grid. Your bill, like similar legislation that passed the House in 2016, would provide a framework to promote federal land management agency consistency, accountability, and timely decision-making as it relates to protecting power lines on federal lands and reducing the risk of wildfires.

Thank you again for your leadership on this very important issue. We look forward to working with you as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kuhn', written in a cursive style.

Thomas R. Kuhn
President