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Subject: [External] Response Requested: 334 Constituents Oppose on PPL's power line eminent domain

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Hello Stephen DeFrank,

I'm Grace with the Civic Engagement Team at Change.org. A petition titled "Stop Eminent Domain Seizures for the Project Hazelnut Data Center" lists your office as a decision maker. The petition is currently signed by 334 of your constituents, and **getting a message directly from you would mean a lot.**

(Note: We're not asking you to sign — we're inviting you to respond. Not in a position to provide or help obtain a response? Is this issue outside your office's jurisdiction? Let us know and we'll adjust accordingly.)

Responding is simple: just reply to this email with whatever you'd like shared. We'll post your response on the petition page and email it the petition signers so they hear directly from you.

Not sure what to say? Responses don't need to be lengthy. Officials often share actions already underway, clarify jurisdiction or next steps, acknowledge constituent concerns, or explain any policy constraints. You're also welcome to include links, resources, or newsletter signups — this is your space to communicate however works best for your office.

Petition Link: <https://change.org/p/stop-eminent-domain-seizures-for-the-project-hazelnut-data-center>

Petition Summary: The petition asks the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to reject a proposed 11.2-mile high-voltage power line that would enable Project Hazelnut, a 1,300-acre data center, and to prevent eminent domain from being used to take portions of private homes along the route. It matters to the petition signers because they are concerned residents could lose property for a private development they say they were not adequately informed about, and they believe the project could negatively affect home values and quality of life while proceeding without sufficiently transparent, meaningful public input.

Thank you,

Grace and the Civic Engagement Team

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