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The Honorable Congressman Perriello
1520 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Perriello:

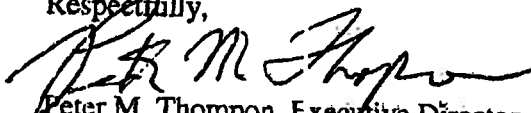
My organization, Senior Center Inc., represents seniors in your district.

You are about to vote on important environmental legislation (the Waxman-Markey bill). We support making the environment cleaner, but the reason we are writing is that we are concerned about our electric bills. Many seniors, as you know, are on low fixed incomes. The cost to heat and cool our homes, run hot water and use other appliances is very important to those on a budget.

Our state gets 56% of its electricity from coal. We urge you to pass legislation that reduces greenhouse gases but at the same time protects consumers from unaffordable increases in the basic necessity of electricity.

We ask you to use your important position to help protect seniors and other consumers in your district from higher electricity bills. Please don't vote to force cost increases on us, especially in this volatile economy. We urge you to make pro-consumer changes in the Waxman-Markey bill to protect seniors and all of your constituents from unaffordable energy cost increases.

Respectfully,


Peter M. Thompson, Executive Director
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