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April 30, 2024

Hon. Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of WNY
c/o Steuben County Legislature
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Ms. Chapman,

Thank you for forwarding me the Inter-County Association of WNY's Resolution No. IC-007-24 opposing Part O of Gov. Hochul's Article VII revenue bill regarding the siting of major electric transmission facilities, also known as the RAPID Act.

I oppose the RAPID Act for all the reasons the Inter-County Association of WNY cites in its resolution. Much like the 2020 Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act that fast-tracked wind and solar projects, the RAPID Act would undermine local siting control of these projects and diminish the property rights of New Yorker's.

By its very nature, the RAPID Act would unfairly target rural New York and continue the deforestation and degradation of our natural resources that fast-tracking wind and solar projects began in 2020. It's bad policy in pursuit of a fantasy all-electric energy plan promulgated by Gov. Hochul and the majority in the Assembly and Senate.

My thanks to you and the members of the Inter-County Association of WNY for all you do for your constituents. Please accept my best wishes, and feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Giglio
Member of Assembly