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Dear Governor Gina Raimondo,

Thank you for taking time to speak with the residents of Burrillville and taking the time to look at the tri-state map I shared with you the evening of July 18th.

I am writing this letter to express my strong opposition to the proposed Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI. I live in Thompson, CT and have several concerns for the local quality of our air, the local quantity of our water and the local health of our land. BUT my greatest concern is for the citizens of the Last Green Valley and the Blackstone River Valley, which are part of the National Heritage Corridor.

Extensive research has revealed to me that we currently have 8 power plants operational on a 31 mile tract of land spanning from Medway, MA to Killingly, CT. This 31 mile tract of land crosses three states and is currently producing 3225 Megawatts of power. As you know, the state of CT is also considering a new gas-fired power plant (550 MW) for Killingly, CT. If the Killingly and Burrillville power plants are approved, our tri-state region will be home to 10 power plants that will produce 4675 Megawatts of power. This is enough energy to power over 4 million homes.

The Burrillville power plant also plans to draw water from the Pascoag MTBE contaminated well. The charcoal filtration will only remove 60% of the MTBEs. The remaining 40% of MTBEs have the potential to become air-borne and also released into the Clear River. According to their application, the Clear River Energy Center will monitor air quality for a 50 km radius (31 miles). We currently have 8 power plants operational on a 31 mile tract of land! This probably explains why Windham County has the highest rate of childhood asthma in the state of CT, which is two times the national average. I would be curious to know what the childhood asthma rates are for Northern RI?

Is the state of RI and ISO New England asking the residents of the tri-state region to “sacrifice” our health at the expense of powering more than 4 million homes? *This is an infringement on our civil rights to breath clean air!* Not to mention the impact of the existing 8 power plants on our local watershed. I request that our elected officials from CT, MA and RI convene to consider how to navigate this unique situation. I also request that a tri-state Environmental Impact Study be completed, before the Energy Facility Siting Board of RI approves the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville.

I believe that the cumulative impact of 2 more large power plants in our tri-state region may have devastating short term and long term consequences for the health of our families, the health of our environment and ultimately the economy of the tri-state region. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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