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The Honorable Congressman Tom Perriello
1520 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Perriello:

My organization, the American Association of University Women, represents minorities 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 of our members are on tight budgets and the sizes of their monthly utility bills are important expense items. 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 minorities 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 minorities and all of your constituents from unaffordable energy cost increases.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Waldner".

Anne Waldner, Program Assistant
American Association of University Women

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