

## **Talking points for requesting elected official involvement**

We will need the help of our elected officials to request DOE notify impacted landowners, share more information, and extend the Phase 2 comment deadline.

First, find your Congress persons using this link. Simply enter your zip code to get a list of your elected representatives.

<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Click on the “contact” link for each member. You may send them an email, or call their office to ask for their help regarding DOE’s preliminary list of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors.

State that you are worried about your rights and property interests and wish to comment on DOE’s proposal, however there has been little information provided and the comment period is much too short. Tell them that you learned about this from other people (not DOE) and that you believe all of the elected official’s constituents deserve notification and an opportunity to comment on a potential NIETC in the elected official’s district.

We want our elected representatives to ask the DOE for the following things:

1. Direct notification by U.S. Mail of all persons owning land within a proposed corridor.
2. Robust public education, engagement, and the opportunity to ask questions, including posted notices in all local newspapers servicing the area of each proposed corridor and local public information meetings, including an online meeting option for those who cannot attend in person.
3. Public accessibility of information and recommendations DOE received in Phase 1 that has shaped its preliminary corridor proposals, including a narrative description of corridor boundaries, as well as identification of all transmission line(s) currently planned or proposed for the corridor.
4. An extended comment period that does not begin until impacted citizens have been notified of potential corridors and their right to comment.