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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Jessica Bowron
Comptroller
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Comptroller Bowron,

I write today to share my concerns regarding a forthcoming permit request from Dominion Energy for a proposed right-of-way (ROW) expansion for a transmission line through Manassas National Battlefield Park. I have heard about upgrades to Dominion's Morrisville to Wishing Star transmission line corridor, which runs through approximately two miles of National Park Service (NPS) land along the western boundary of the battlefield. Dominion's proposal includes increasing the existing ROW by more than 100 feet in width throughout the corridor, leading to impacts to approximately 25 acres of NPS land.

I am proud to represent a district with access to historically significant battlefields, such as Manassas Battlefield. My constituents reach out to me frequently to reiterate their support for our public lands and I will do everything I can to ensure Manassas Battlefield remains beautiful, historical, and accessible. This proposed ROW expansion has the potential to impact numerous important cultural, historic, and environmental resources within the Battlefield. Because of these concerns, I strongly encourage you to consider all tools at NPS' disposal to examine potential impacts, determine if viable alternatives exist, and evaluate effective strategies to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the potential effects of the project as you review Dominion's permit request. Among other options, you may wish to consider, for example, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a section 106 consultation.

I am concerned that this project could impact forested areas in the park, the park's trail network, a parking area, the viewshed near the project, and the overall visitor experience. The park is also a sensitive historical site that contains artifacts from the civil war, colonial America, and Native Americans. Any development activity in this area should be thoroughly researched to avoid negative impacts to this incredible historical site.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from NPS and Dominion Energy on this planned permit application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suhas Subramanyam', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Suhas Subramanyam
Member of Congress