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Commissioners of the Virginia State Corporation Commission
P.O. Box 1197
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Commissioners of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC),

I am writing to share my concerns regarding Dominion Energy's proposed 500kV/230kV Golden to Mars transmission project.

Proposed routes for this project will impact highly developed parts of our communities including residential, commercial, and school properties. I have heard from my constituents that are concerned about the impact above-ground transmission lines could have on their neighborhoods, livelihoods, and children's safety.

As the Congressman representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District, I recognize the importance of balancing increasing energy needs with community interests and what a community's residents are saying.

Northern Virginia is home to some of the highest concentrations of data centers in the world, which require large amounts of energy and robust transmission infrastructure. As our nation continues to lead the world in AI innovation, a national plan should be developed to ensure data centers and the energy infrastructure needed to supply them are not harming our communities.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the SCC, and any regulatory body involved with the management of transmission lines should use every tool at its disposal, including undergrounding, to ensure any negative impacts related to transmission projects are mitigated when possible. We must also ensure that working families are not unfairly subsidizing infrastructure through higher utility bills that would otherwise be unnecessary without the presence of data centers.

The people in our communities deserve safe and comfortable places to live and go to school, and I am concerned that the Golden to Mars lines that are currently proposed to be above ground could have negative impacts.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if you would like further information.

Sincerely,

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

Suhas Subramanyam
Member of Congress