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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, plans on constructing the Grain Belt Express Line, a 750-mile overhead transmission line that would carry electricity produced by Kansas wind farms across portions of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The central Illinois portion of the transmission line would span the entire width of the State, including Macoupin, Montgomery and Christian Counties in the 95th Legislative District; and

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WHEREAS, The majority of the energy transported along the transmission line will benefit consumers on the East Coast and will not be used by rate payers in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The transmission line will likely have a detrimental impact on landowners in these areas, as the transmission towers will decrease the value of their land and will make it more difficult for them to farm their property; and

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WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC has, in the past, submitted to the United States Department of Energy an application for "Federal Siting Authority", which would grant

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1 the company the powers of eminent domain; and

2 WHEREAS, The powers of eminent domain would allow a private
3 company to seize land from private landowners that refuse to
4 grant easements to their property that would allow construction
5 of the transmission line; and

6 WHEREAS, Anything that encroaches upon the property rights
7 of individual land owners in Illinois needs to be carefully
8 considered before being enacted; and

9 WHEREAS, On April 10, 2015, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC
10 submitted an application to the Illinois Commerce Commission
11 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to carefully consider the
16 application submitted by Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC for
17 its Grain Belt Express Line, and to grant the application only
18 if the company identifies clear and substantial benefits to the
19 State of Illinois that definitively outweigh any deprivation of
20 property rights or land value of the citizens of Illinois; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Illinois Commerce Commission.