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Thought you might enjoy this.

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Geisha, Helen and Karen,

As a follow up to the luncheon hosted by Congresswoman Matsui for you and her other House Energy and Commerce Committee colleagues in September, we worked with the Congresswoman's staff to develop and circulate a letter to NARUC for signature by the members that were in attendance. The letter, which was an outgrowth of/action item from your conversation that day, raises the concept that a balance must be struck in both state and federal policy with regard to the safety, reliability, affordability and environmental improvement of the electric system. The letter touches on the issues of energy efficiency, distributed generation, electrification and the need to advance policies that support these activities, while at the same time ensuring utilities can make the investments they need to enable these technologies and do so in a way that ensures reliable and affordable service for everyone.

This is a positive letter, in that all of the Democratic women on the committee agreed to sign, and these Members tend to be some of the more progressive voices on that committee. Having them signed onto a "balanced" letter on these issues will be helpful as the debate moves forward. As a next step, we will connect with the Executive Director of NARUC, with whom we have a relationship, to discuss a response. NARUC has put forth helpful resolutions on several of these issues. In addition, through our engagement with Congresswoman Matsui on this letter, we have discussed with them the possibility of using it as a platform to request a hearing in the Energy & Commerce Committee on this topic for 2014.

Thank you again for making the trip last year. We continue to work to leverage those meetings and events to engage more policymakers and opinion leaders in a dialogue on some of our key issues.

Melissa and Redact