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Dear Member of the Legislative Assembly,

I don't want to pay more for electricity in Alberta than is necessary.

It is for this reason that I am encouraging you NOT to vote in support of Bill 50, the new legislation that would allow multi-billion dollar transmission projects, for which I will bear the cost, pushed through and decided upon behind closed doors.

Albertans have a right to have a say in this process and I believe that supporting Bill 50 jeopardizes the current democratic system that has worked in this province for more than 50 years.

As a taxpayer I deserve to have a say in how and where my electricity is produced, or at the very least hear from the experts who do know. I entrust the administration of this essential service to my elected officials on the condition they consult with consumers and utility experts before making any decisions that could impact the financial welfare of my family and future generations of Albertans.

One person cannot be given the sole responsibility to ensure my electricity is produced as cost-effectively and as efficiently as possible. And it should not be allowed to happen behind closed doors!

If Bill 50 is approved, and the outrageously expensive and predominately unnecessary transmission lines are built, these costs will be passed on to me through my electricity bills. Schools, hospitals, and business owners may be forced to raise fees and prices to cover their additional costs, which my family will also bear the brunt of. Alternatives must be explored, but Bill 50 would prevent them from being identified and debated publicly.

It is your responsibility as my elected representative to ensure this does not happen.

I urge you now to vote NO to Bill 50.

Yours truly,