*Talking Points for Letters in Support of Stopping RICL High Power Transmission Lines.*

* *I am opposed to the Rock Island Clean Lines (RICL) project to put high powered electrical lines over* 375 miles of rural land in Iowa.
* The RICL power lines are DC lines which only transport energy from point "A" (Iowa) to point "B" (Illinois).

None of this energy can be used in Iowa. I believe that *wind energy generated from northwest Iowa should in some manner directly benefit Iowans by providing electricity to Iowans*

* *Iowa farms have been a economic staple in Iowa for centuries. As an Iowa business, Iowa farms generate millions of dollars in taxes. We also produce food for not only citizens in Iowa but for others nationally and internationally. I believe these power lines will produce loss of production and income to Iowa farms. Farming practices such as aerial crop spraying and irrigation (current and future needs) will be unfeasible. Also I feel that there will be years of lower crop production due to ground compaction and easement use by RICL.*
* *RICL claims that there will be many jobs in Iowa associated with this project. I feel most jobs will be temporary while installing the transmission lines. According to RICL, materials and services that support the power lines will be coming from Arkansas (Cables) and Texas (structures). Also according to the informational meeting by RICL, majority of the jobs are related to wind turbines and not related to the high voltage transmission lines. Wind turbines will be here regardless of this project, and future projects will hopefully benefit Iowa residents. I believe there will be additional costs to the county for road maintenance during construction and for access to repairs.*
* *I believe these power lines will adversely affect the value of property for businesses, families, landowners and farmers.*
* *I am concerned about the future stability of this project after it interrupts our current farming business. Rock Island has not shared with us a Prospectus, business plan, initial and annual cost recovery, net worth, value of product, who are the customers, and other questions related to financial stability. When these and other questions related to financial stability were asked of RICL - the response was “this is not public information”, we do not need to provide this to you.*
* *Rock Island will only own the power lines. Are there other options for wind turbines that support Iowa? Landowners give permission to build a wind turbine on their property*. *This is not directly related to Rock Island Clean Line. It is a side benefit that could be accomplished by other transmission projects. To build a wind turbine the land owner must give permission. The RICL project does not afford the landowner the same choice. Eminent domain can be used.*
* *Has Rock Island researched other avenues for their power lines that would not disrupt fertile farmland in Iowa?*
* *I am concerned about the health issues of living and working under a high power transmission line. Rock Island has not published anything that says there are no risks in living by these power lines. Yet, the Preservation of Rural Iowa Alliance has 25 evidenced based articles from the University of Iowa about health concerns. These farms have been in our families for centuries. This is not farmland out in the middle of nowhere. It is where we live and raise our children. And by the way, RICL says there is a slight humming sound you will hear constantly from the power lines. That is concerning!*