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The entire United States economy is based upon energy.

At present more than 80% of our electric energy is produced from fossil fuels.

We have the technology and the opportunity to harness wind power to generate at least a portion of our electric energy needs for home, agricultural and industrial customers. This energy produced by wind is both clean and affordable and can only be produced in areas where wind is both steady and sufficient.

The proposed Grain Belt Clean Energy Line is needed to transport newly generated clean electric energy from the area in South-West Kansas to areas, including Missouri, in which it is to be used.

This transmission line will generate numerous jobs while under construction as well as maintenance jobs after it becomes operational.

According to Missouri State Tax Commission estimates, based on expected cost and using present tax rates; approximately \$800,000.00 annually will be added to Carroll County taxing entities. About 70% will be distributed to School Districts within Carroll County with the remaining 30% to be divided among Fire Districts, Townships, Ambulance District, Health Department, etc., as well as the County and State Portions.

We believe construction of this proposed transmission line is a positive first step to provide clean energy to areas, including Missouri where it is needed for both present and future energy needs.

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