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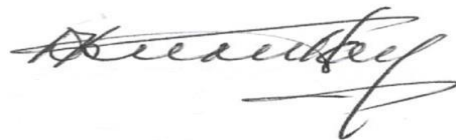
Senator,

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Act (S1846) has critical importance to the people and security of Canada as it has to the United States. The North American GRID is so interconnected that a cyber attack on one portion will ripple throughout the system. A nuclear EMP could take out electrify for North America as a whole in one blast.

Canada's Mackenzie Institute held a two day conference on Resilient Critical Infrastructure and Cyber Security last Fall. Speakers at that conference were invited subsequently to present to the Ontario Energy Board and to testify before the Canadian Senate Committee on National Security and Defence this past Spring. Canadian thought leaders and government personnel are aware and concerned about GRID disruption.

We ask you therefore to expedite passage of the CIPA legislation, already passed by the US House of Representatives, to provide the legal basis for American utilities and state agencies to move ahead expeditiously with protection of America's critical infrastructure which will reduce risks to Canada as well.

Thank you.



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