

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Thune
U.S. Senate Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
U.S. Senate Minority Leader
S-337, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

As Co-Chairs of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, we write to express our strong support for the *Ratepayer Protection Act* ([H.R. 9340](#)) and urge the Senate to move swiftly to advance this commonsense legislation.

The rapid growth of data centers and other large-scale electricity users is creating significant new demand for electricity and, in some communities, requiring costly investments in generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure. When these upgrades are needed to serve a new large-load customer, those costs can ultimately be passed on to families and small businesses through higher electricity rates. The *Ratepayer Protection Act* would help prevent that by directing state utility regulators to consider standards ensuring that large-load customers cover the full costs of new infrastructure needed to serve them, along with financial assurances to ensure those costs are paid.

With affordability as a top priority for the Caucus, the Problem Solvers are proud to endorse and further our legislative efforts to protect families and small businesses from unnecessary increases in utility costs.

We can meet growing electricity demand and support major new investments without leaving existing ratepayers to shoulder the costs of infrastructure built to serve the nation's largest electricity users. That principle has already earned overwhelming bipartisan support, with the House Committee on Energy and Commerce advancing H.R. 9340 unanimously by a vote of 52–0, and the U.S. House of Representatives voting in favor of the measure 417–3.

We urge the Senate to build on that bipartisan momentum, swiftly pass the *Ratepayer Protection Act*, and send it to the President's desk.

Sincerely,



Tom Suozzi
Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chair



Brian Fitzpatrick
Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chair



Josh Gottheimer
Member of Congress



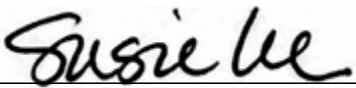
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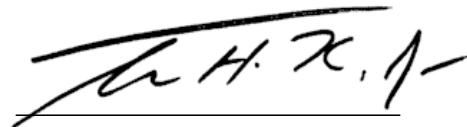
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