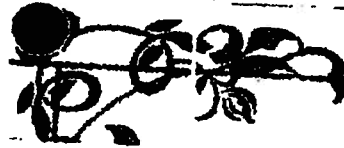


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The Honorable Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper
516 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dahlkemper:

My organization, serves seniors in your district.

You are about to vote on important environmental legislation (the Waxman-Markey bill). We support making the environment cleaner, but the reason we are writing is that we are concerned about our electric bills. Many of our seniors, as you know, are on low fixed incomes. The cost to heat and cool our homes, run hot water and use other appliances is very important to those on a budget.

Pennsylvania gets 56% of its electricity from coal. We urge you to pass legislation that reduces greenhouse gases but at the same time protects seniors and consumers from unaffordable increases in the basic necessity of electricity.

We ask you to use your very important position to help protect seniors and other consumers in Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional district from higher electricity bills. Please don't vote to force cost increases on seniors and consumers especially in this volatile and unsteady economy. We urge you to make pro-consumer changes in the Waxman-Markey bill to protect seniors and all of your constituents of your district from unaffordable energy cost increases.

Respectfully,

Brenda Yates
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