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Hearing on Senate Bill That Would Conceal Utility Violations of Cybersecurity Standards

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Chairman LeVar:

I am writing to inform you about [U.S. Senate bill S. 3688](#), "Energy Infrastructure Protection Act of 2020."

This bill that would establish special privileges for electric utilities regulated by your commission. The purpose of S. 3688 is purportedly:

"To amend the Federal Power Act to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Secretary of Energy to offer assistance in securing the assets of the owners and operators of energy infrastructure against threats and increasing the security of the electric grid, and for other purposes."

Our concern is that S. 3688 would allow electric utilities to conceal a wide range of information from state regulators and the public, including their violations of cybersecurity standards.

Attached is a letter that we wrote on this bill to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. We requested a public hearing, but no hearing has been scheduled.

Because S. 3688 could restrict the information needed by state regulators, we ask that you examine the bill and, if appropriate, request that the U.S. Senate hold a public hearing. The text of the bill can be found here:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3688/text>

To ask if a hearing will be held, points of contact at the Senate Energy Committee are:

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