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Thank you!

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Dear [RecipientTitle] Passidomo,

Florida's power lines have been using the same, outdated technology for over a century. Wildly better technology is now available that replaces heavy steel, which causes "sagging", with indestructible, sag-free carbon fiber. For new and existing lines alike, this new technology can save boatloads of money while increasing transmission capacity and preventing wildfires and other dangerous accidents.

<https://www.volts.wtf/p/one-easy-way-to-boost-the-grid-upgrade>

Shifting to this new technology is a no-brainer - but very few utilities are even considering it. Why? Because utilities are notoriously change-averse. As monopolies, they have little incentive to innovate and improve.

That's where you come in. I urge you to use your regulatory power to incentivize utilities to implement this new power line technology.

It shouldn't be a hard sell. It will save them and their ratepayers money, decrease public safety risks, and help get more clean, planet-saving energy on the grid. But utilities will not act without a strong push by regulators.

This is a critical step in securing our energy future. Please help get this powerful technology deployed in our communities.

Sincerely,

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Palm Bay, Florida