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## Senate of Pennsylvania

SENATOR  
**LISA BAKER**  
20TH DISTRICT

March 27, 2026

John W. Hawkins, Jr., President  
FirstEnergy Pennsylvania  
765 Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Numerous Pike County residents have expressed legitimate concerns about the proposed Shawnee-Walker auxiliary transmission line and the potential impact of transmission infrastructure on property values and long-term land use. Concerns have also been raised regarding the current routing path, particularly in relation to the proximity to homes, agricultural lands, and sensitive areas. There is a strong expectation that all efforts will be made to minimize the use of eminent domain and to prioritize voluntary agreements wherever possible. In addition to speaking with constituents, we have been in contact with officials from Delaware, Dingman, and Lehman townships and the Pike County Commissioners to offer our support to them in their respective roles.

As we all know, disputes over the siting of powerlines are common in our region and across the state. To our knowledge, there has not been much interaction with the community on this subject for several years. Affected citizens have every right to ask questions and voice objections, and these public comments must be taken into account with regulators. Citizen pressure to do better is essential, so these efforts are necessary and commendable.

In order to keep the public informed and engaged, we are requesting that FirstEnergy work to assemble representatives from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, PJM, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Delaware River Basin Commission, and any other relevant entities, and hold a forum where local residents can ask questions, receive answers, and share whatever information impacted stakeholders believe should be part of the record.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Our offices will be available to assist in the coordination of a date and time to conduct this important community conversation.

Sincerely,

Senator Lisa Baker  
20<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

Representative Jeff Olsommer  
139<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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