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December 20, 2010

The Honorable Ron Sandack:
Capitol Building
301 South Second Street, Room 309-G
Springfield IL 62706-0001
Fax: (217) 782-0069

RE: Stop the Tenaska \$8.6B Rate Increase on Businesses

Dear Senator Sandack:

Congratulations on your newly appointed position. We very much look forward to your leadership. Please do not ever hesitate to let me and the Members of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry know how we can help you further job creation and financial sustainability in the State of Illinois.

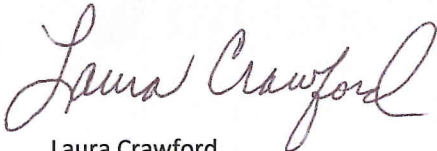
During veto session you may be deciding on an issue that is of paramount importance to all Illinois businesses. At issue is whether to green-light the construction of a power plant in Taylorville that will require consumers to buy the plant's power at above market prices for 30 years. This proposal contains an annual cap on rate increases to residential consumers which means the differential costs will fall to business to pay for electricity at skyrocketing, inequitable and mandated prices.

These higher rates will not only increase the cost of doing business but will hinder the creation of new jobs locally, in the 21st District. While we recognize the construction of this plant will create jobs in Taylorville; in essence, it is merely an increase in 'government workers,' which considering the state of the State, adds insult to injury.

Additionally, businesses in Illinois currently have the benefit of competition amongst electric suppliers allowing for free enterprise, a concept the State of Illinois has all but forgotten. Forcing this 30 year contract would be a step backward in economic development, job creation and financial sustainability for the State of Illinois.

I urge you to vote NO on Tenaska's overpriced power.

Sincerely,



Laura Crawford
President & CEO

Cc: Board of Directors
Warren Ribley

*PS - merry Christmas to
you and yours*