

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Tony Evers  
Governor  
115 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

The Honorable Rebecca Cameron Valcq  
Chair, Public Services Commission of Wisconsin  
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Dear Governor Evers and Chair Valcq,

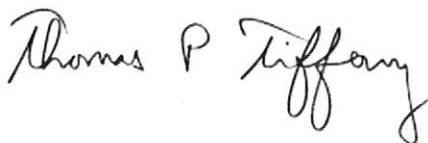
As you know, for the first time ever the Midwest Independent System Operator power grid issued an alert warning to power companies in Wisconsin of possible rolling blackouts this summer.<sup>1</sup> Shortly after this shocking announcement, both Alliant Energy and WE Energies announced that three coal plants previously set to be decommissioned would stay online for at least another two years.<sup>2</sup> This is a good start, but more must be done.

It's no secret that Americans are facing an unprecedented, government-caused energy crisis. From record gas and diesel prices to rising utility and propane costs, Wisconsin families and employers feel the pain every time they fill their truck or pay their electricity bill. The fact that Wisconsinites are now facing the prospect of third-world-style rolling blackouts thanks to government policies that favor unreliable, intermittent power sources only adds insult to injury.

Wisconsin needs safe, reliable baseload power – something that coal fired power plants have provided in our state for decades without any risk of rolling blackouts. And while I appreciate the recent assurances provided by Alliant and WE Energies, this is not enough. State policymakers should move quickly to enact a general moratorium on the closure of any existing coal fired power plants to avoid situations like this in the future. Wisconsin ratepayers should never have to wonder if their lights or air conditioner will come on the next time they flip the switch.

Our state's families, farmers, factories, small businesses, and hospitals need dependable low-cost electricity – not market distorting green energy mandates and subsidies that prioritize politics over affordability.

Sincerely,



Tom Tiffany  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> ['A sobering report': Grid monitor warns of blackouts amid growing demand, shrinking supply | Science & Environment | madison.com](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Supply fears delay We Energies, Alliant Energy coal plant retirements \(jsonline.com\)](#)