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Slippery Rock Township Building  
155 Branchton Road  
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

June 18, 2009

The Honorable Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper  
516 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dahlkemper:


The Slippery Rock Senior Center serves seniors in your district. Our mission is to promote the physical, intellectual and social well-being of our members and the senior community. Thereby, enhancing the dignity, self-worth, independence and a wholesome life style for seniors in Slippery Rock.

You are about to vote on important environmental legislation (the Waxman-Markey bill). We support making the environment cleaner, but the reason we are writing is that we are concerned about our electric bills. Many of our seniors, as you know, are on low fixed incomes. Some of our seniors have even received decreases to their social security payments. Further making it a difficult choice to meet the basic necessities of life (food, prescription medication and the like). The cost to heat and cool their homes, run hot water and use other appliances is very important to those seniors on a budget.

Our state gets 56% of its electricity from coal. We urge you to pass legislation that reduces greenhouse gases but at the same time protects seniors and consumers from unaffordable increases in the basic necessity of electricity.

We ask you to use your very important position to help **protect seniors and other consumers in Pennsylvania's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional district from higher electricity bills.** Please don't vote to force cost increases on seniors and consumers especially in this volatile and unsteady economy. We urge you to make pro-consumer changes in the Waxman-Markey bill to protect seniors and all of your constituents of your district from unaffordable energy cost increases.

Respectfully,

  
Teresa Nolan

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