



Congressman Tom Perriello
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Dear Congressman Perriello:

On behalf of the American Legion VA Post #6, I am writing because of two big concerns to our veterans: American energy independence and electricity costs. You are an important member of the Energy and Commerce committee, and I have read where you are about to vote on environmental legislation sponsored by Congressmen Waxman and Markey.

As veterans, members of my post and I have been willing to put our lives on the line to defend our country. Energy independence is important to American national security. Half of our nation's electricity comes from coal, the cheapest power for creating electricity. America has enough coal right here in the continental US to last for more than 200 years. We need to use our readily available resources and focus on using new technologies to make coal more efficient, therefore reducing greenhouse gases.

In our state there are over 10,000 jobs from coal, and 49% of electricity comes from coal. Please use your position to protect these jobs, establish America's energy independence and encourage new cleaner technologies for coal use. Please make sure the Waxman-Markey bill includes provisions to promote American energy independence while protecting already cash-strapped constituents from increases in electricity prices.

Thank you for listening to concerns of vets in your district.

Respectfully,

† American Legion VA Post #6