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The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1949 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Edison Electric Institute, I would like to invite you to address the opening general session of our upcoming EEI Annual Convention on the morning of Monday, June 12, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Edison Electric Institute is the trade association for the nation's investor-owned electric power companies, and our members deliver electricity to 220 million customers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our Annual Convention is one of the industry's premier conference venues, attracting some 1,000 delegates whose ranks include senior-level industry executives, vendors, thought leaders and policymakers.

In light of your prominent role in the Trump Administration, our delegates would be very interested to hear your views about a wide range of public policy issues involving energy and the environment, including the paramount importance of easing barriers to the siting of critically needed energy infrastructure such as transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. We also would appreciate your thoughts on ongoing regulatory reform efforts generally, including potential changes to species and avian regulatory frameworks in particular.

We would envision remarks of approximately 20-25 minutes, followed by a brief question-and-answer period with the audience. Although our program on June 12 is not yet finalized, we would anticipate that your presentation would begin sometime between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. that morning. Our opening session will also feature a presentation by Andy McAfee, the co-director of the MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy, and another prominent speaker to be confirmed shortly. As a planning matter, our Annual Convention is open to coverage by credentialed news media.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, Secretary Zinke. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 202-508-5555 or [tkuhn@eei.org](mailto:tkuhn@eei.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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