



Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

NRG Energy and its affiliate, Vivint Smart Home, respectfully support H 7495, the *Safeguarding Election Candidates Using Reasonable Expenditures (SECURE) Act*.

Across the country, candidates and public officials increasingly face harassment, threats, and safety concerns simply for participating in public life. In 2025, a Minnesota state lawmaker and her husband were killed, and another lawmaker and his wife were seriously wounded in a targeted attack at their homes. Basic security measures such as alarm systems, cameras, and professional monitoring can help deter threats and provide peace of mind to those seeking to serve in public office.

The SECURE Act takes a balanced approach by allowing candidates to use campaign funds for reasonable security expenses while maintaining transparency and clear limitations on spending. The legislation appropriately focuses on professionally installed security systems provided by licensed companies and ensures expenditures are reported under existing campaign finance rules. This bill is product and service neutral, allowing candidates to decide what is best for themselves and their families. Additionally, this bill mirrors legislation that has passed in Alabama, California, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Nevada, reflecting a growing bipartisan recognition that candidates should be able to take reasonable steps to protect themselves and their families.

Allowing candidates and elected officials to access these tools when facing heightened public exposure is a sensible and responsible policy that supports both public safety and accountability.

NRG Energy and Vivint appreciate the Committee's consideration of this legislation and respectfully urge its passage.

Sincerely,

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