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Commissioner Nelson (Chris)

I have the utmost confidence in you, Gary and newly appointed Rich Sattgast as you deliberate this very difficult and controversial issue. Chris, your record of public service speaks for itself. As secretary of state you were the most well liked secretary by the state auditors more than you will ever know.

One suggestion I would have for you to entertain is coming to our spring workshop for the County Association or to come to our annual meeting and discuss what the role of the PUC and the guidelines you have to adhere to. I think this would be extremely interesting for commissioners who face issues of growth when it deals with windfarms or pipelines or other areas that the PUC has to cover.

I look forward to a conversation in the future that deals with none of these controversial issues but just deals with the trials and challenges that each of us face in our elected responsibilities. My best to you, Gary and Rich.