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BISHOP CRITICIZES MOVE TO TURN OFF CROSS SOUND CABLE

Washington, DC—Congressman Tim Bishop today criticized Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham for revoking an emergency order which had kept the Cross Sound Cable on since the August 14 blackout. The cable provides power to nearly 300,000 Long Island homes.

"The Cross Sound Cable is vital to Long Island's energy needs," Bishop said. "Turning off the Cable damages Long Island's energy security and leaves us more vulnerable to blackouts."

Bishop noted that since the Cable was turned on over eight months ago, there have been no accidents and no negative environmental impacts to the Long Island Sound. He added his hope that Connecticut officials will take that performance into account.

"Public officials have a responsibility to look at the facts," Bishop said. "In this case the facts could not be more clear, the Cross Sound Cable works, and it is not a threat to the environment. Hopefully, everyone can calm down and come back to the table and we can operate the Cable in a safe, environmentally responsible manner."

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