

No High Voltage Cranford: Sample Letter to Representatives

Please contact your local representatives to let them know the current plan is not acceptable. Since half of the route is county roads, we ask that you make sure to contact our Union County Freeholders as well. The representatives need to know we are not happy and that their support is crucial.

List of Officials

- Cranford township committee: <https://www.cranfordnj.org/township-committee> (click each committee members name for a link to email them)
- Town administration: administration@cranfordnj.org
All emails received by the town are being forwarded to PSE&G so complaints can be tracked
- Jon Bramnick AsmBramnick@njleg.org
- Thomas Kean Jr. SenKean@njleg.org
- Nancy Munoz AswMunoz@njleg.org
- Union County Freeholders
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- Andrea Staten: andrea.staten@ucnj.org
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- PSE&G: 1-800-901-5035

If you'd like, we've provided a sample letter (on the next page) you can use.

Dear ,

I am a resident of Cranford. As my elected representative, I write to inform you of significant concerns relating to a PSE&G proposal that attempts to upgrade Cranford's electrical grid. PSE&G's plan is to run high-voltage, 69,000-volt transmission lines through residential neighborhoods and school zones in Cranford. The electromagnetic radiation emitted from these lines have been linked to increased rates of cancer and childhood leukemia, as well as many other serious diseases. For those reasons alone, numerous areas throughout the world prohibit the use of these lines; others—like the State of California—require minimum setbacks from homes of 100 feet, which far exceeds any buffer that Cranford can provide.

These facts should give any reasonable person pause. But the high-voltage lines are not the only source of concern. To run the 69kv lines, PSE&G will replace the existing utility poles with ones that measure 65-feet tall. These unsightly poles, which will be in front of residents' homes, have their own issues. They are laced with pentachlorophenol—a chemical that has been banned in numerous countries, has extremely limited use in the United States, and has been labeled by the EPA as a probable human carcinogen. The utility poles also reduce property values of residences in the immediate vicinity up to 25%.

Cranford is a family town where residents take great pride in the beauty of their quaint, tree-lined streets. It is a town where neighbors greet each other and children play together outside. None of this should ever be compromised.

Cranford currently is dealing with massive overdevelopment, the possibility of a cell tower being erected near homes, and now the possibility of hazardous, high-voltage transmission lines running just feet from where families sleep.

PSE&G's proposed route is unacceptable. As my representative, I urge you to stand with Cranford in demanding that PSE&G either provide an alternative route for its transmission lines or consider other options to ensure that Cranford families are never put at risk. Please do not let our residents become a statistic.

Sincerely,