

**Press Release:**

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Thomas Castillo, a lifelong advocate for environmental sustainability and now candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Illinois is asking for unilateral accountability. He has taken the position of asking the elected representatives of the state to insure that Commonwealth Edison be held in question for the bad tree trimming practices on and along private property. In addition Thomas Castillo is also concerned with the planned clear cutting of trees while spraying herbicides in and around wildlife habitats on 4 miles of the taxpayer owned trails in DuPage County.

Thomas Castillo stated that “I support the ongoing efforts by trail groups like the Friends of the Great Western Trails to protect the trees, trails and trail users from ComEd.” If you provide service to almost 4 million residents then it’s simply prudent to carefully consider what’s important to them and their communities. I encourage all of us to ask for accountability and engage in a conversation with whomever we give our hard earned money to.”

“As your Lieutenant Governor, I will work closely with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to mandate regulations that require all utility providers to operate in an environment-friendly capacity. Our current representation in Illinois has been unable to protect our trees and trails” stated Thomas Castillo.

“We need everyone in state government to work harder to protect our environment and prevent further damage to our recreational areas. We need everyone who wants to protect these areas from tree maintenance that only benefits ComEd to file a complaint with the ICC at [www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint/wizard.asp](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint/wizard.asp).” concluded Thomas Castillo.

For more information about Thomas Castillo voters are encouraged to contact Thomas Castillo’s Campaign directly at [Sustainability@Tom4LtGov.com](mailto:Sustainability@Tom4LtGov.com)

For more information on the trails and efforts to protect them along with the trail users everyone is encouraged to go to website: [www.friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com](http://www.friendsofthegreatwesterntrails.com)

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