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RE: Testimony in support of HB0270 and SB0116.

I am writing to convey my strong support for HB0270 and SB0116.

My name is David Baker. As a 13-year resident of an area affected by the proposed MPRP powerline construction, I am asking that the Maryland legislature pass this bill to mandate a comprehensive analysis of the environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in our state.

By involving experts from diverse fields—including the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business—in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, the legislation will ensure a balanced evaluation that addresses various critical aspects of data centers.

I ask you to vote in favor of this bill. Passing HB0270 and SB0116 will establish a comprehensive, fair, and transparent process. This type of thorough analysis is critical, not only for this issue, but for future such instances that will invariably arise in Maryland in the coming months and years.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David R. Baker