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Economic Matters Committee
Delegate Dereck E. Davis, Chair
House Office Building, Room 231
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

VOTE FOR HB1014, Electricity – Considerations for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Overhead Transmission Lines

Dear Chairman Davis and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

I urge you to vote in favor of House Bill 1014, Electricity – Considerations for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Overhead Transmission Lines.

This letter is in support of HB1014 which requires the Public Service Commission to consider whether an applicant for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity design prioritizes the use of existing infrastructure or upgrading existing infrastructure before taking final action. Moreover, the bill provides that the Public Service Commission is prohibited from authorizing the construction of an overhead transmission line within one mile of a conservation easement unless there is an exceptional showing of good cause.

Harford County has a long history of preserving and protecting its agricultural farmland. This policy is evidenced by the County Council and the citizens joining together against the construction of transmission lines on agriculturally preserved land in northern Harford County proposed by Transource of Maryland.

I respectfully urge the Committee to favorably report this proposed legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Chad Shrodes
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