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Senate Finance Committee
Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senator Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support of SB578 – Electricity – Considerations for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Overhead Transmission Lines

Dear Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

This letter is in support of Senate Bill 578 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 its agricultural farmland and is very protective of this preserved land. This policy is evidenced by the joining of the County Council and the citizens against the construction of transmission lines on agriculturally preserved land in northern Harford County proposed by Transource of Maryland.

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

Sincerely yours,

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