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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1231

Public Service Commission-Damaged, Obsolete, or Excessive Lines-Fines

Economic Matters Committee

February 25, 2021

Chair Davis, Vice-Chair Dumais and Members of the Committee,

On Behalf of the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association, I am writing today to ask you to support HB1231.

In my community, there are three alley streets (Regester, Durham and Chapel) and these alleys in particular have webs of entangled abandoned wires marring the look of our Historic rowhome community, and the wires have grown exponentially over the years.

The wires are ugly, abandoned, useless, and potentially dangerous and it is incomprehensible that to date, the cable, satellite dish, and phone companies hold no responsibility for removing these lines and their abandoned equipment., Baltimore City must stop bowing down to huge for-profit corporations just so they "can" do business in our City.

The residents of Upper Fells Point are tired of quietly submitting to powerful for-profit corporations and we are in full support of this legislation to demand that the cable and phone companies make good on their negligence.

For these reasons, the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association asks for a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB1231.

Best Regards,

Liz Bement
President
Upper Fells Point Improvement Association