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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0754

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

Finance Committee

Chair Kelley, Vice-Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

On Behalf of the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association (UFPIA), I am writing today to ask you to support SB0754.

UFPIA strives to improve the lives and environment of our community.

In our rowhome community, there are three alley streets (Register, Durham and Chapel) and these alleys in particular have webs of entangled abandoned wires marring the look of our Historic streets and houses, 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 have grown tired of relinquishing our rights to an attractive streetscape, simply because powerful for-profit corporations are negligent in doing what is right. 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 SB0754.

Sincerely,

Liz Bement
President
Upper Fells Point Improvement Association

