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TESTIMONY FOR SB0131

Public Service Commission-Rate Suspension-Rate Suspension Proceedings.

Bill Sponsor: Senator Kelly
Committee: Finance
Organization Submitting: AARP Maryland
Person Submitting: Mary Lee Olsen, Energy Advocacy
Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0131 on behalf of AARP Maryland.

January 25, 2022

Senator Kelly and members of the Finance Committee.

I am Mary Lee Olsen, an AARP Member and also a Howard County resident. AARP Maryland is one of the largest membership- based organizations in the state, encompassing over 850,000 members. AARP overwhelmingly supports HB0228 and SB0131, Public Service Commission-Rate Suspension-Rate Suspension Proceedings.

AARP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, nationwide organization that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities, and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities, and protection from financial abuse.

Bill number SB0131 authorizes the Public Service Commission to extend rate suspension proceedings for up to an additional 120 days. The filing is for an Alternative Form of Ratemaking (AFOR) which could benefit all parties with the rapid changes in the economy and the utility industry. AARP Maryland supports this additional extension to permit the Commission additional time to set just and reasonable rates for residential customers.

We respectfully request you support bill SB013. For questions or additional information, please contact Tammy Bresnahan, Associate State Director of Advocacy at tbresnahan@aarp.org or by calling 410.302.8451.

Sincerely,
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