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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Senate Finance Committee  
Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Senator Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair

Re: Senate Bill 376 – County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act

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

The Town of Brookeville has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979. We are also a Montgomery County Historic District and part of the National Park Service's Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail. Within the Town's municipal boundaries, we have a mixture of utility-owned overhead streetlights wooden pole light with multiple lamps/bulbs and Town-owned streetlight that reflects the aesthetics of a historic district. The Town-owned streetlights serve a vital role in public safety while blending in with the historic surroundings of the Town.

Conversion of utility-owned street lighting to customer-owned lighting is a best practice proven to improve service reliability and reduce costs. It has been successful for California, the District of Columbia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and other states. This enabling legislation will streamline the process for local governments to acquire utility-owned overhead streetlights and assume all aspects of ownership and maintenance.

We urge you to issue a favorable report for SB 376.

Respectfully,

William H. Gaskill, President  
Town of Brookeville Commissioners

cc: Senator Susan Lee, sponsor  
cc: Senator Craig Zucker, District 14