

Janet Earp Galloway
21602 N. Ruhl Road
Freeland, MD 20153
marshja@earthlink.net
443-798-4331

February 19, 2025

Re: HB1225 - Affordable Grid Act – In FAVOR

Dear Committee Members:

As a Baltimore County, Maryland resident for over 47 years, the cost of my utilities has become unbelievably high with BGE's rate increases. This will only get worse. Electric companies need to submit detailed Electric Distribution System Plans (EDSPs) every three years and prioritizing non-wires solutions. I am in favor of HB1225 requiring a more **transparent, accountable, and localized approach to grid planning**—one that values efficiency over costly and disruptive infrastructure projects.

Seizing private land for high-voltage lines should be the very last resort to increasing energy. Electric utilities must prioritize affordability and minimize capital investment for the ratepayer to afford this basic need.

Instead of wasting billions on new power lines, utilities need to focus on optimizing existing infrastructure.

Vote in favor of HB1225 for smarter, more responsible grid planning—one that protects farmland, property rights, and local communities from unjustified transmission expansion. Let us change how Maryland plans and regulates its electric distribution system.

Regards,

Janet Earp Galloway