

Mary Patton
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February 7, 2025

Re: Testimony for HB0645 – Transmission Line Siting – Comprehensive Plan, Recommendation, and Reporting Requirements

Dear Delegate Guyton:

I am writing to express FAVORABLE support for HB0645. I am a community advocate, parent, and resident that has the potential to be impacted by the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project. Bills such as HB0645 will help protect communities from similar projects by requiring more integrated and concerted planning at the local level.

This bill will go a long way in preventing unnecessary land seizures by prioritizing existing infrastructure over new development, pushing for underground transmission instead of overhead lines, and requiring electric companies to submit detailed reports to ensure that new transmission is actually needed. This bill also prioritizes the local property owner by helping to prevent the eyesore of unnecessary overhead transmission lines from impacting property values.

I ask you to support this bill and give local government more control in the electric system planning process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Patton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" being more prominent than the last name "Patton".

Mary Patton