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## Favorable HB645

## Transmission Line Siting – Comprehensive Plan Recommendation and Reporting Requirements

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB645 with included amendment to conform with changes to the senate crossfile SB 853 introduced by Senator Lewis Young.

HB 645 is introduced to help create guardrails on current and future transmission line projects.

As amended, this bill limits the construction of new transmission lines to 0.25 miles of the existing right of way if the Public Service Commission determines that utilization of existing transmission lines is not sufficient for a proposed project.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report on HB 645 to ensure Marylanders' property is protected and to ensure reporting about the placement of transmission lines.

Sincerely,

Delegate Michele Guytan

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