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Date: March 4, 2025

Bill Number: **HB 1270 - Natural Resources - Wildland Areas - Overhead Transmission Lines**

Committee: House Economic Matters

Position: Opposed

Chairman Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

Chesapeake Conservancy is opposed to HB 1270 - Natural Resources - Wildland Areas - Overhead Transmission Lines.

Transmission line proposals can cut through established forests, natural lands, and important ecosystems. Energy generation and transmission are necessary, but they should do so with the least amount of impact on Maryland's vital ecosystems.

Wildlands set a high standard for protection, and they aren't indiscriminately determined. Simply put, this bill sets a bad precedent for the protection of Maryland's vital forests and natural resources.

We ask for your continued investment in conservation and restoration of Maryland's vital landscapes and we respectfully request a unfavorable committee report.

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