

Dear Delegates,

I am writing to ask you to support HB1396. To take the private land of Marylanders for electrical transmission lines to power private data centers in Virginia is outrageous. Electrical transmission lines, such as the proposed Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP), will not benefit Marylanders, but will benefit some of the most wealthy private corporations on the planet.

Our family has been the stewards of a treasured forest since the nineteen-seventies. Three generations of our family call it home. The idea that some corporations can harness the power of the government to steal our land seems so counter to American values and to the American dream. Eminent Domain should only be used as an absolute last resort in cases where it is in the clear public interest. This MPRP and similar projects do not come close to meeting that bar. Please help us to save our home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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