

Dear Delegates,

I am writing to ask you to support HB1362. When the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) was announced last summer, it came as a horrific shock to thousands of unsuspecting Marylanders. An out-of-state corporation was coming for their land - to run enormous high-voltage power lines through their yards, their forests, their farms, and their businesses. Many have lost a lot of sleep worrying about the destruction that may come to their homes, their land, their peace of mind, their mental and physical health, their property values, their tranquility, their viewshed, their economic well-being, their sacred spaces, ...

As many have scrambled to figure out what to do, some have found that their property values are already plummeting, and multiple real estate sales have fallen through as buyers learn about the MPRP. The stink of MPRP has already tainted thousands of properties. Understandably, many land and business owners have contacted lawyers to see what their legal options are. Others, unable to afford lawyers, or to find lawyers who are not already on retainer for PSEG, are attempting to navigate these uncharted waters with little guidance. It seems like the impacted land and business owners should, at the very least, be spared from the high cost of trying to defend themselves and their land from attack - and project proposals like the MPRP do feel like an attack. Innocent, tax paying, law abiding citizens should not have to pay thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars to simply try to hang on to what is already rightfully theirs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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