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**Testimony in Support of SB953**

**To:** Education, Energy and Environment Committee

**From:** Chalyse Shaw

Dear Senator West and the members of the Education, Energy and Environment committee,

My name is Chalyse Shaw, and I am a resident of Freeland Maryland. I am writing to express my support for SB953, which places a moratorium on new transmission projects and establishes a task force to develop a realistic electricity plan

I have been a resident and small business owner in Northern Baltimore County for over 30 years. Farming is a vital part of our community's economy. Many of my friends, neighbors and clients are farmers who rely on the land to make their living. I am concerned about the current path Maryland is taking in regards to our energy needs; particularly the proposed power line project.

SB953 offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink Maryland's energy strategy. It puts the brakes on reckless transmission expansion while allowing time for a real, Maryland-focused plan that prioritizes affordable, reliable, and locally sourced electricity.

I respectfully urge you to support SB953 and to advocate for its passage to help preserve our farmland and protect Maryland's natural heritage.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I appreciate your dedication to serving our community and look forward to seeing your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

*Chalyse H. Shaw*