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UNFAV SB 399

Natural Resources - Wildland Areas - Overhead Transmission Lines

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Dear Chairman Feldman and EEE Committee Members,

I am a licensed mental health therapist, a mother and President of Health Choice Maryland. With regard to the latter, our organization advocates for health, informed consent and constitutional rights. I write to ask for an Unfavorable vote for HB 399 for the following reasons.

- While we understand the need to find solutions to increase our energy supply, studies to determine what that need is are ongoing
- Similarly, studies regarding the impact of high voltage overhead transmission lines on wild life, the environment and on humans are still needed.
- Alternatives to high voltage overhead power lines are still being explored and may present better and cheaper options.
- Our protected wild lands are protected for a reason. Invasions into these publically held lands would set a bad precedent for the ability of public-private partnerships to engage in land grabs.
- The public would lose access to these protected sites while gaining nothing.
- Development of wild lands would be costly for electric consumers and a gift to private developers and corporate data centers.

Please vote Unfavorable for SB399. Thank you.

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