

I support SB953 for several reasons:

First, we must ensure that Maryland doesn't waste resources on unnecessary infrastructure before a full, data-driven electricity plan is in place.

Second, Local generation options MUST be considered first, reducing the need for expensive and disruptive long-distance transmission.

Third, Residents, landowners, farmers and business owners are protected from rushed development and eminent domain threats.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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