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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 6th, 2025 The Maryland State Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee The Honorable Brian J. Feldman 2 West Miller Senate Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 951: Generating and Transmission Facilities -Authorization

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee,

By now we all see the use of information technology is ubiquitous with daily life. And with the increased use of innovations like artificial intelligence, Maryland's demand for power is going to rise exponentially. To be blunt, no one wants rolling blackouts, and we cannot rely on the government to effectively meet this incoming growth of demand for power.

Senate Bill 951changes the law allowing the Public Service Commission to enable private owners to construct, acquire, or lease, and operate electrical power generation and transmission facilities, and subsequently contribute to the State's power grid to help the rising power demand.

Similar to Senate Bill 950, Senate Bill 951 is just another means of securing our transition to renewable energy in a more realistic and responsible manner.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 951 and will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.