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**Re: Testimony in Support of SB0953 – Construction and Expansion of Transmission Lines and Task Forst to Develop a Realistic Electricity Plan for Maryland**

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

My name is Mary Patton and I am a resident of Mount Airy, MD. I am writing to express FAVORABLE support for SB0947. I am a community advocate, parent, and resident that has the potential to be impacted by the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project. Bills such as SB0953 will help protect communities from similar projects by creating a strategic plan for Maryland's energy independence.

Maryland's dependence on out-of-state electricity and power has led to higher electricity prices, reliability risks, and economic disadvantages. By creating a task force to develop a realistic electricity plan for Maryland, recommendations can be developed that will reduce Maryland's dependence on imported electricity, modernize the existing transmission and distribution system, and ensure energy affordability. Further, by placing a temporary moratorium on new transmission line construction, Maryland can take the time needed to craft a long-term energy strategy that prioritizes optimizing existing infrastructure, avoids land seizures through eminent domain, and serves to protect our communities in a sustainable way.

I ask you to support this bill and find a smarter path forward for Maryland by demanding a responsible, forward-thinking electricity plan for Maryland.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Patton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Patton