



SB 37: Electric Companies - Regional Transmission Organizations - Report (Utility Transparency and Accountability Act

Position: Support

Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

Shore Progress urges a favorable report on SB 37 - the Utility Transparency and Accountability Act.

For rural communities on Maryland's Eastern Shore, which are some of Maryland's most economically burdened communities, rising utility costs and limited accountability from public service companies are having significant economic consequences.

PJM's opaque voting structure—especially in lower-level committees—leaves Marylanders in the dark about decisions that directly impact their rates and renewable energy progress. Too often, these decisions prolong reliance on fossil fuels, delay renewable energy integration, and impose unnecessary costs on ratepayers.

By requiring public service companies to report recorded votes on PJM task forces and committees, SB 37 ensures accountability and provides Maryland residents with critical insight into whether utility companies are advocating for cost-effective, environmentally responsible solutions.

Greater transparency will empower rural communities, strengthen trust, and hold companies accountable for decisions that shape Maryland's energy future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Shore Progress