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**Favorable SB 953 (HB1218)**

Construction and Expansion of Transmission Lines and Task Force to Develop a Realistic Electricity Plan for Maryland

Dear Chairman Feldman and Senate EEE Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a mother, licensed therapist and founder of Health Choice Maryland. We are all concerned about Maryland's electrical needs and the impact on the environment, businesses, residents, farms and health of the currently proposed MPRP project. Of the multiple bills proposed to address this issue, SB953 ( HB 1218) makes the most sense.

This bill would establish a Task Force whose mission would be to determine Maryland's current and future electrical needs, anticipated costs involved in obtaining the needed power and to explore various policy options to ensure reliable and adequate electricity with full consideration of the impact of the respective policies on the environment, the economy, residences, farms, businesses and health.

Albeit such a Task Force should have been created years ago, the proposed bill is an intelligent, thoughtful approach to the issue. We ask your **Favorable vote for SB953.**

Thank you.

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