



Mountain Maryland Trails

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The Honorable Michael W. McKay

The Honorable Jason C. Buckel

The Honorable James C. Hinebaugh

The Honorable Terry L. Baker

Dear Senator and Delegates,

We, the Board of Directors of Mountain Maryland Trails, are voicing our opposition to SB0399 titled "Natural Resources – Wildlife Areas – Overland Transmission Lines".

Our Wildlife Areas are the lifeblood of our area providing recreational activities and a vibrant tourist economy. Removing the restrictions and allowing development in these areas has the potential to gut our economy and destroy our natural resources.

Until this project has been properly vetted by the public and government agencies Mountain Maryland trails cannot support this legislation.

Respectfully,

Mark Bowling

Allegany County Tourism

Mountain Maryland Trails Board Member

Member of Western MD Climbing Coalition, Western MD Grotto, Access Fund, and American Alpine Club