

Dear Maryland Representatives,

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) and stand in unity with my many neighbors that would be affected by this project to oppose it.

I believe that this project has brought to the forefront a looming energy crisis that is facing the State of Maryland.

Senate Bill 953 addresses these concerns, halting current projects and assembling a group to develop a comprehensive plan to address the energy crisis in our state. I enthusiastically support this bill.

I appreciate the time and energy that the legislature, particularly my local representative Chris West, has spent on researching and developing a plan to address this crisis.

While I agree with the development of an enhanced power grid using carbon neutral power sources, including nuclear energy, I believe that the MPRP project will greatly impact the environment along the line both during development and in the future as it is maintained and further enhanced.

I certainly acknowledge the need to support high-technology industries that require data centers, however, allowing them to expand without sharing in the cost of generating and transmitting the necessary energy is unreasonable.

I believe that energy needs to be generated locally and primarily through sustainable sources like solar, wind, geothermal, and nuclear. Newer technologies like hydrogen fusion need to be fast-tracked. The technology and cost challenges of energy storage also needs to be addressed quickly through research and possibly subsidy. The use of natural gas and propane will probably be needed for some time; however, this eventually needs to be phased out as it becomes more and more costly and difficult to produce with increasingly devastating effects to the environment.

I believe that energy transmission should follow existing infrastructure along the many roads and bridges that are already in place and not impact our fragile natural spaces.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to these important matters

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