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Testimony in Support of HB1024

To: Economic Matters Committee

From: Shawn Ryan

Dear Delegate Rose, and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

My name is Shawn Ryan and I am a resident of Cockeysville, Maryland. I am writing to express my support of HB1024 which prohibits the State and its agencies from using eminent domain to take property that is protected by a perpetual agricultural or conservation easement.

I am currently in the process of searching for and purchasing a home and land in the Northern Baltimore County area that would be affected by the proposed MPRP transmission line. It is deeply concerning to me that there is a potential for land marked as agricultural or conservation easements could be used for development. I feel that this takes away from the easement designation and paves the way for further degradation of these protections.

The proposed bill would be a wonderful way to ensure that this degradation does not take place and that the protections hold their full power. Maryland is a beautiful state, but I have seen firsthand living here my entire life that Maryland's natural beauty is quickly eroded by development. This bill would be a good way to keep development sprawl from impacting critical at-risk environments and cultural heritage sites like generational farms.

I strongly urge you to support HB1024 and advocate for its passage so that rural communities are not displaced and landowners who made the effort to conserve their land do not have those protections ripped away from them.

Thank you for your attention and time on this matter. I am happy to answer any questions or provide additional information if requested. I can be contacted at the email and phone number provided in the header of this letter.

Best regards,

Shawn Ryan