

**Testimony on Senate Bill – FAVORABLE**

**SB 0201 – Public Utilities- Transmission Lines – Advanced Transmission Technologies**

Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

February 17, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mona Guilfoil and I live in Union Bridge in rural Carroll County, Maryland. My neighbors and my community are in the path of the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP). This is a proposed 67-mile high voltage transmission line stretching from Pennsylvania through Baltimore, Carroll, and Frederick counties to Virginia. Some have labelled it a 67-mile extension cord running through farms, homes, businesses, and even in some instances through preserved land to bring electricity to the power-hungry data centers in northern Virginia. The Advanced Transmission Technologies bill would ensure that projects such as these would first have to show that alternatives have been analyzed when applying for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN. ) Were alternatives to the MPRP considered? Or is the project owner investing in what makes it the most money (capital projects like transmission lines)? Who will be paying for this extension cord? It may be too late for us in the pathway of MPRP, but you may be able to save other farmers, homeowners, small businesses, preserved acreage, and rate payers from future irresponsible projects.

Please vote favorably for SB 201.