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Testimony in support of SB0201  
To: Education, Energy and Environment Committee

Dear Chair Feldman and members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee

My name is Jim Werner and I live in Frederick County. I'm writing to express my support for SB0201. As we've seen with the application by PSEG for a new greenway powerline, they have consistently stuck to only one option for this powerline and they have presented no other options, including any new technologies developed since they started this process. Their plan will destroy approx. 1500 acres of farmland, wetlands, woodlands and other properties in Maryland. I already have one powerline on my property and I have seen the destruction caused by its construction. This bill, requiring alternate technologies to be studied and included in any CPCN application should be passed.

I strongly support SB0201. And respectfully urge you to support and pass this bill to strengthen the requirements for new transmission lines so that farmland, woodlands and wetlands can be protected in Maryland.

Thank you for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,

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