

**MIKE MCKAY**  
*Legislative District 1*  
Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties



**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

*Annapolis Office*  
James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 416  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3565  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3565  
Mike.McKay@senate.maryland.gov

*Cumberland Office*  
100N Mechanic Street  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
240-362-7040

*Williamsport Office*  
2N Conococheque Street  
Williamsport Town Hall  
Williamsport, Maryland

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Executive Nominations Committee

*Joint Committees*

Administrative, Executive,  
and Legislative Review  
Children, Youth, and Families  
Program Open Space and Agricultural  
Land Preservation

**Senate Bill 26 – Public Utilities - Off-Grid Electricity Providers - Exemption**

February 19, 2026

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

I am writing to strongly endorse the passage of Senate Bill 26. Senate Bill 26 establishes a statutory exemption for certain off-grid electricity providers from most provisions of Maryland's Public Utilities law. The bill defines an off-grid electricity provider as an entity that operates an electric generating facility that does not interconnect with the state's electric system, does not cross state lines, and is not located within or crossing any federal, state, or local roadway or right-of-way. For qualifying providers that begin operations on or after October 1, 2026, the bill exempts them from regulation by the Public Service Commission, except that they must still comply with existing requirements for certificates of public convenience and necessity and related approvals when constructing a generating facility. The bill further provides that a provider loses its off-grid status if it later interconnects with the electric grid, crosses state lines, or encroaches on a public right-of-way.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay  
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland  
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties