

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

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

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

February 17, 2026

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

My name is Gita Lefstein, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of SB0201, Public Utilities – Transmission Lines – Advanced Transmission Technologies. Maryland has committed to reducing green house gas emissions in the Climate Solutions Now goals. In order to do this, we need to move away from gas and towards electricity and increase the clean sources of our electricity. With this comes the need to vastly improve electricity transmission. New transmission technology could make transmission more efficient, better for the environment, more reliable, and a better value. Among other things, this bill requires that any new transmission lines consider these factors.

I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on SB0201.

Thank you.