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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman  
Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 584 – Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Transmission Lines – Notice to Landowners

Dear Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

On behalf of the citizens of Harford County, I write to express support for Senate Bill 584.

Electric transmission line projects can have significant impacts on private property owners and local communities. While the development of critical energy infrastructure may at times be necessary, transparency and meaningful notice to affected landowners must be fundamental components of the process.

Senate Bill 584 strengthens procedural fairness by requiring applicants for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide specific notice to impacted landowners before hearings proceed. This ensures that residents whose property rights, land use, or quality of life may be affected have adequate opportunity to be informed and to participate in the review process.

Too often, landowners learn about large infrastructure projects only after key decisions have been made. By establishing clear statutory notice requirements and consequences for failing to comply, SB 584 reinforces the principle that property owners deserve timely and direct communication regarding projects that may impact their homes, farms, or businesses.

Harford County strongly supports responsible infrastructure development, but such development must occur with transparency, accountability, and respect for private property rights. This legislation does not prevent necessary projects from moving forward; it simply ensures that affected citizens are properly notified and afforded due process.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 584.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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