

## **Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable**

### **SB 0092 – Electric Company Contracts, Capacity Market Models, and Regional Transmission Organizations - Studies**

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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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 SB0092, Electric Company Contracts, Capacity Market Models, and Regional Transmission Organizations – Studies. In September 2025 I attended the PJM Multi-State Technical Conference called by the governors of the PJM states. One of the speakers was Mark Christie, former president of OPSI (the Organization of PJM States, Inc) and former chair of FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). He said that the problem with PJM is its governance structure. Because it makes decisions controlling electricity generation and distribution, it is in effect a policy making structure for the region, but the states do not have a substantive role in PJM. Other people pointed out that PJM is responsible to its members, which are largely industries. They are not responsible to customers or to voters. This has led to the terrible performance of PJM. It has been terrible in terms of the environment with huge backup queues for clean sources of energy – solar, wind, and battery – which are also both quicker to build and cheaper than fossil fuel. It has been terrible in terms of costs of electricity, as we have all seen in our utility bills. It has been terrible in terms of reliability. The latest capacity market did not meet the reliability needs. It has been terrible in terms of planning and forecasting, as has recently been shown in its lack of knowledge about how many potential data centers are being double counted. Other parts of the countries have regional transmission organizations that work much better than PJM. Doing a study about alternative models, working with other states in a different sort of way, would be well worth it.

I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on SB0092.

Thank you.