
ROBERT G. CASSILLY
Harford County Executive



ROBERT S. McCORD
Director of Administration

February 17, 2026

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 for Senate Bill 201 – Public Utilities – Transmission Lines – Advanced Transmission Technologies

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the citizens of Harford County, I am writing to express support for Senate Bill 201.

Reliable and resilient electric infrastructure is critical to Maryland's economic stability, public safety, and long-term growth. As electricity demand continues to increase and the State transitions to a more modern and diversified energy portfolio, it is important that Maryland's regulatory framework supports the responsible development and modernization of transmission infrastructure.

Senate Bill 201 strengthens the review process for new transmission line projects by requiring additional information and analysis related to advanced transmission technologies. By encouraging thoughtful evaluation of modern solutions during the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity review process, the bill promotes informed decision-making that balances reliability, efficiency, and community impact.

Counties such as Harford rely on a stable electric grid to support residents, businesses, emergency services, and critical public facilities. Enhancing transparency and ensuring that decision-makers consider evolving technologies will help Maryland better prepare for future energy needs while improving project planning and long-term system performance.

Importantly, SB 201 promotes a more thorough review process without undermining existing opportunities for local governments to participate and provide input on projects that affect their communities. We believe this balanced approach will help support statewide energy reliability while encouraging innovation and responsible infrastructure investment.

Harford County Celebrates 250 Years ~ 1773-2023

410.638.3350 | 410.879.2000 | 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014 | www.harfordcountymd.gov

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman

February 17, 2026

Page 2

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 201.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Cassilly