

**SB 630/HB 1244:** Overhead Transmission Lines and Eminent Domain - Property Value - Damages: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am writing to respectfully, strongly **support SB 630/HB 1244**, concerning *Overhead Transmission Lines and Eminent Domain – Property Value – Damages*.

When private property is impacted by the construction of overhead transmission lines through the use of eminent domain, property owners often experience measurable loss in property value, diminished use and enjoyment of their land, and long-term market uncertainty. While infrastructure development may serve a broader public purpose, individual landowners should not bear a disproportionate financial burden as a result.

**SB 630/HB 1244** helps ensure that property owners are fairly compensated when overhead transmission lines negatively affect their property values. Eminent domain authority carries significant power, and with that power comes the responsibility to provide just and equitable compensation.

**This legislation reinforces fundamental property rights by recognizing that impacts extend beyond the physical footprint of transmission structures.** Visual intrusion, development limitations, and market perception can materially affect value. Providing a clear standard for assessing and compensating damages promotes fairness, transparency, and public trust in the process.

**Protecting private property rights while pursuing necessary infrastructure projects is not mutually exclusive. SB 630/HB 1244 strikes an appropriate balance by ensuring that Maryland residents are treated fairly when their property is affected.**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support SB 630/HB 1244**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals