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Re: SUPPORT – House Bill 1210: Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Transmission Lines – Notice to Landowners

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners support House Bill 1210, which strengthens the notice requirements in the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) process for transmission line projects. The bill requires certified mail notice to affected and adjacent property owners at the time an application is filed and at least 30 days prior to a hearing. It also requires that the notice clearly explain the right to intervene, the procedure for doing so, and applicable deadlines.

For a largely rural county such as Carroll, where transmission line projects may cross agricultural land and residential communities, meaningful notice is not a procedural formality; it is fundamental due process. Property owners deserve timely, clear information when infrastructure projects may directly impact their land, property values, and community character.


HB 1210 improves transparency and accountability while preserving the Public Service Commission's authority to evaluate projects on their merits. It ensures residents have a fair opportunity to participate in proceedings that affect them.

For these reasons, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1210.

Sincerely,

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