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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 0940, Large Load Customers - Electric System
Interconnection and Demand Response Program

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TO: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

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Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, my name is Mary Beck, I live in Halethorpe, Maryland, and I am writing to support HB 0940, to protect average Marylanders from having their utilities interrupted or costs skyrocketing.

Our society is reliant on electricity and the internet, though many companies' usage of AI currently places extreme burdens on our power grids. It is completely unfair to place the energy and energy cost burdens on the shoulders of average Americans who are already struggling to pay their bills. Even data centers outside of our state are having their bills footed by everyday Americans.

Personally, my energy bills are the highest they have ever been, soaring over \$300, \$400, even \$500 in a single month. I do everything I can to keep my personal usage down. Without bills like these holding organizations accountable for their own energy usage and costs, the actions of the people mean almost nothing.

I urge you to support HB 0940 and reduce undue energy burdens on ordinary citizens.