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TESTIMONY ON HB#1210- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Transmission Lines - Notice to Landowners

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1210, **Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Transmission Lines - Notice to Landowners**

This bill will stop power companies from harming property owners through construction of power lines on their property. It will make failure to properly notify those property owners to have specific remedies to prevent that construction from occurring.

At the same time a person applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of any transmission line ..., the person shall provide, by certified mail, notice of intent to run a line or similar transmission device over, on, or under the land to:

- Each owner of land that abuts the property where the construction is planned
- And, for construction of an overhead transmission line, each owner of land and each owner of adjacent land.
- Notice provided ... shall advise the recipient of any applicable right to file as an intervenor in the proceeding ...

Failure to provide notice under this section:

- Invalidates a public hearing and requires that another hearing take place

Or, if the required notice is regarding an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, voids the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

A person whose application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity is voided ... may reapply.

This bill will require a person applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of any transmission line to provide certain notices to certain landowners regarding the construction; and establishing that failure to provide a certain notice invalidates a certain hearing and, under certain circumstances, voids an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1210.