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**Re: SUPPORT – House Bill 1244: Overhead Transmission Lines and Eminent Domain – Property Value – Damages**

Dear Chair Korman, Chair Valderrama, and Members of the House Environment and Transportation and House Economic Matters Committees:

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners support House Bill 1244, which provides a narrowly tailored and reasonable remedy for homeowners whose residential property values are diminished because of eminent domain actions related to overhead transmission lines constructed within 300 feet of their residence. The bill authorizes affected property owners to seek damages following a final condemnation decision.

The legislation also promotes fairness in condemnation proceedings by requiring reasonable attorney fees in certain transmission line cases when the final valuation exceeds the condemning authority's appraisal.


In Carroll County, where many residents live on rural residential and agricultural properties, overhead transmission infrastructure can significantly affect property values and quality of life. This bill does not impede infrastructure development. Instead, it ensures that when such projects proceed, directly impacted homeowners are afforded equitable treatment and access to compensation.

For these reasons, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1244.

Sincerely,


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