

SB 584/HB 1210: Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Transmission Lines - Notice to Landowners: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Education, Energy & the Environment Committee and Environment & Transportation Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT SB 584/HB 1210**, *Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Transmission Lines - Notice to Landowners*.

These bills would require applicants for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for new or expanded transmission lines to provide direct, specific notice to affected landowners. This includes clear details about the proposed project, potential property impacts, eminent domain implications, timelines, and ways to participate in the review process—ensuring notifications go beyond generic public postings to personal outreach.

In Maryland, transmission line projects can significantly affect private property, farmland, rural communities, and individual landowners, often involving rights-of-way, visual impacts, or condemnation proceedings. Current notice requirements are often too broad or indirect, leaving property owners uninformed until late stages when options are limited. These reforms promote fairness, transparency, and due process by empowering landowners with early, actionable information to voice concerns, attend hearings, or seek alternatives—without halting necessary infrastructure but ensuring balanced input.

This commonsense measure respects property rights, supports rural and agricultural interests, and builds trust in the PSC approval process amid growing energy demands and transmission proposals.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to vote **in favor of SB 584/HB 1210** and help strengthen landowner notifications for transmission line projects.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this important property rights and energy legislation.

Sincerely,

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