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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger III, Esq.
United States House of Representatives
2206 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515 – 2002

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.
United States Senator
110 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Senator's Cardin, Van Hollen and Congressmen Ruppertsberger and Sarbanes,


The Carroll County Board of Commissioners (CCBoC) has recently learned of an electrical grid enhancement plan authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and PJM, the regional electric grid operator serving 13 states including Maryland. The Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project has been awarded to The Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG), a regulated infrastructure company. Visit the following link for details about the project. <https://corporate.pseg.com/aboutpseg/companyinformation/thepsegfamilyofcompanies/psegrenewabletransmission/mprp>.

PSEG's timeline indicates a completion date of June 1, 2027. If this project comes to fruition, 70 miles of high-voltage power lines will be installed, the majority of which will be in Carroll County. Attached is a report detailing several of the issues impacting Carroll County. These high-voltage lines will benefit Frederick County and Northern Virginia, yet, the burden lies with Carroll County, the jurisdiction that benefits the least. The CCBoC is requesting your assistance in halting the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project. We ask you to find viable alternatives for generating essential electricity that best suits Carroll County and the state of Maryland.

The CCBoC understands and acknowledges the need for enhanced electrical power. We also maintain the principles of protecting property owner rights, local control, and land use and permitting authority. The proposed project does not respect any of these concepts. We implore you to stop the project and develop alternatives to the proposed plan that will have the least amount of impact on all Marylanders. We welcome the opportunity to meet about this important issue. We will contact you soon to schedule a convenient meeting time.

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