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Press Statement

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The Board of County Commissioners (board) has received countless inquiries from concerned residents regarding the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) and the impact it may have on the community. The board was made aware of a proposed large scale power line project and has been learning about its intricate details concurrently with the public.

Since learning of the project, the board is united in opposition to the MPRP and has taken significant steps in ensuring the county's voice is heard at all levels of government - local, state, and federal.

The board sent letters to state and federal leaders outlining concerns for the installation of the high voltage power lines in the community. As a result, they had a face-to-face meeting with representatives from Senator Cardin and Van Hollen's offices and met directly with Governor Moore and County Executives Fitzwater and Olszewski. The leaders, in the counties most impacted by the MPRP, were all in agreement that more information and analysis is needed to determine the best course of action for Carroll County and Maryland as a whole.

Prior to **any** project moving forward, it needs to be proven that there is an energy need and what legal authority exists for this project. Once the need is clearly established, all stakeholders can examine the ways the power can be sourced and delivered, while ensuring the best solution, with the least impact, is found.

The board is unified in upholding the principles of protecting owner property rights, local control, land use and permitting authority. Conducting a deliberate decision-making process is critical to our collective success. To that end, the board will continue to leverage its influence with neighboring jurisdictions, as well as with state and national leaders to stop the project.