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The Honorable Jessica E. Fitzwater County Executive Winchester Hall 12 East Church St. Frederick, MD 21701 – 5447

The Honorable John A. Olszewski, Jr. County Executive Historic Courthouse, Mezzanine 400 Washington Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Dear County Executive Fitzwater and County Executive Olszewski,

The Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project is causing significant concern among our constituents and community. Recent information sessions proved all three of our jurisdictions are affected by the project. As we learn more about the details, we can all agree, this is a complex, multi-year federal project that will have a lasting impact on our areas. Carroll County is greatly concerned about the implications. 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.

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners is requesting your assistance in halting the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project. We would like an opportunity for our jurisdictions to collaborate and discuss the intricacies of the project and review how the plan positively and/or negatively impacts each of our counties. We want to find viable alternatives for generating essential electricity that best suits Carroll, Frederick, and Baltimore counties and the state of Maryland.

The board understands and acknowledges the need for enhanced electrical power. All of us, as local leaders uphold the principles of protecting property owner rights and local control. The proposed project does not respect these concepts. We are requesting a meeting between our three jurisdictions to discuss how best we can work together to lessen the negative impact on each of our counties and all Marylanders. We will contact you soon to schedule a convenient meeting time.

Sincerely,

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