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Andrew L. Ott
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Dear Mr. Ott:

I write on behalf of my constituents of Maryland's First Congressional District, which I am privileged to represent, who have contacted me with concerns about PJM's Independence Energy Connection (IEC) Expansion Plan currently in development by Transource LLC. The IEC project would construct new overhead electric transmission lines in northwestern Harford County and York County, Pennsylvania.

It is my understanding that the Power Plant Research Program (PPRP) of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has asked the Power Service Commission (PSC) to put Transource's filing for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) on hold. I agree with this request. PJM should conduct further research to discover possible alternatives to this project, to include the possible utilization of existing rights of way. Furthermore, it should meet with interested parties in the community, the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Maryland Energy Administration to address the need for sound electric power grid capability in the region without interrupting the thriving agricultural community, so vital to Maryland.

I would appreciate your immediate review of this issue, and look forward to receiving your response to my Washington, DC office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Harris, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Harris, M.D.
Member of Congress

CC: Jason M. Stanek, Chairman, Maryland Public Service Commission