To whom it may concern,

I write to express deep concern about the PSEG proposed plans to build new 500,000 V Transmission Lines through North Baltimore County (MPRP).

    On every level the plans are flawed. Not only do proposed lines cross sensitive areas such as a reservoir supplying drinking water to the City of Baltimore, but also farmland which supplies food for the region and for international export though the Port of Baltimore. Forest cover and watersheds with rare trout streams will be permanently damaged by the construction and maintenance of the lines.

   The area has a long tradition of conservation, dating back to the 1960s with the creation of the urban rural demarcation line (urdl). Zoning creates specific areas for growth, for various commercial areas, and for regions zoned specifically for rural conservation. As an additional layer of protection, landowners have voluntarily placed their properties into conservation through a variety of programs supported and often paid for by the State and County. The intent was to create a rural zone which protects watersheds while ensuring local food supply and a rural community. A welcome by product and updated goal among many States is to create a connected landscape of open and conserved spaces which support wildlife habitat and migration. The Prettyboy and Loch Raven watersheds have been recognized by National Associations for their biodiversity and contributions to wildlife populations.

   In a perverse twist, the open spaces and conserved lands of North Baltimore County have become an open invitation to encroachment on a tremendous and devastating scale. As a resident of Baltimore County, I implore you to consider the harm done on so many levels by  proposals to build this energy Interstate. There must be a better solution.

Sincerely,

**[Your Name]**

**[Your Address]**