



## STOP MPRP, INC

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Dear Elected Officials,

We are writing to express grave concerns regarding the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) and its proposed transmission line construction across northern Maryland. While *this* ill-advised infrastructure project primarily affects specific counties in its path, experts forecast similar construction to be proposed throughout the State of Maryland. This concern is not speculative — officials in Annapolis have explicitly stated, "you are going to have to see some new construction of electric infrastructure" due to growing consumer demands. This admission makes it clear that the MPRP is the first of many such projects that could affect communities across Maryland.

The MPRP presents three critical areas of concern that warrant immediate attention:

1. **Environmental Preservation:** The proposed transmission lines pose a significant threat to Maryland's pristine landscapes and delicate ecosystems. The project's environmental footprint could irreversibly alter natural habitats and wildlife corridors that are essential to our state's biodiversity. Additionally, the MPRP out-of-state developers' plans include building through conserved and preserved lands, meaning that even environmentally protected areas are not immune from disruption. As responsible stewards of our environment, we must ensure that any infrastructure development undergoes rigorous environmental impact assessments with meaningful input from local stakeholders and environmental experts.
2. **Property Rights Protection:** The project's reliance on eminent domain powers raise alarming concerns about private property rights. The current proposed route would significantly disrupt established communities and properties, potentially forcing residents from their homes. Such drastic measures should only be considered after exhausting all alternative solutions and routes that minimize community impact.
3. **Economic Justice for Ratepayers:** Perhaps most troubling is the financial burden this project would impose on **every Maryland resident**. Our citizens would essentially be subsidizing power infrastructure primarily benefiting data centers in Virginia—an arrangement that raises serious questions about economic fairness and resource allocation. Before proceeding with such a costly endeavor, we must fully explore alternative approaches to meeting our region's energy needs.



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Action Request: We urge you to take a strong stance against the MPRP by:

- Supporting or introducing a resolution opposing the project
- Issuing a public statement calling for its suspension
- Demanding the preparation of a comprehensive Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) before any further project consideration

An IRP would provide crucial insights into Maryland's power generation capabilities and needs, enabling a more informed, strategic approach to infrastructure development that truly serves our residents' interests.

For additional information, please contact Joanne Fredrick, President of the Board of Directors, at 443-789-1382.

Your leadership on this issue is crucial for protecting our community's interests and ensuring responsible infrastructure development that serves all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

Joanne Fredrick  
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Stop MPRP, Inc.