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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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Dear President Trump,

There is a very serious situation developing in central Maryland that we wish to bring to your attention for immediate action.

Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG), based in New Jersey, is attempting to construct a 70-mile transmission line through Baltimore, Frederick, and Carroll Counties in Maryland that will provide no energy benefit for our state. This project is known as the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP). In many ways, this project reflects the failed energy policies in our state, as infrastructure is being built to ship energy *through* our borders *but not to* our citizens.

This project is planned through vast tracts of rural farmland. In late June, a court order was issued to allow PSEG to access private land for surveys. Landowners are understandably outraged that PSEG might come onto their property without permission to conduct a survey that could result in their land being taken. The Power Plant Research Program (PPRP) of Maryland's Public Service Commission (PSC) is requiring PSEG to conduct environmental studies as part of this process, highlighting not only property rights concerns but also concerns for the environment should the transmission line be built.

Now that the District Court has ruled that the surveys can proceed, PSEG is attempting to access properties and is allegedly being met with angry landowners who are threatening surveyors, notably in Carroll County. As a result, PSEG has filed a motion in federal court requesting that U.S. Marshals be sent to assist with the surveys.

This request constitutes a clear overreach. The Carroll County Sheriff's Office has stated that it would not get involved in the surveys; however, they are willing to assist if problems arise that require local law enforcement intervention. Baltimore and Frederick County law enforcement have made similar statements.

It is a gross misuse of federal resources to send Marshals, particularly while appeals are in process. This is a local issue. PSEG should not be asking for federal resources for a private project that is mired in controversy and will not provide any benefit to Maryland's citizens.

The involvement of U.S. Marshals in this context is causing undue distress and anxiety among local residents. While we understand the importance of ensuring the safety and security of surveyors, the current request feels overly intimidating and may undermine public trust in an already fraught process. This heavy-handed approach would be disproportionate and unnecessary, particularly when considering the nature of the project, which involves surveying and planning for energy infrastructure.

Accompanying PSEG surveyors falls outside of the U.S. Marshals Service purview, which is to protect the federal judiciary, apprehend federal fugitives, manage seized assets acquired by criminal activities, house and transport federal prisoners, and operate the Witness Protection Program.

We believe that any security needs related to the project can be managed by other appropriate means without the need for federal intervention.

We hope that the U.S District Court of Maryland denies the request for U.S. Marshal intervention to ensure that the work of PSEG surveyors can proceed without federal law enforcement presence. Doing so would foster a more collaborative atmosphere and demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that communities are respected in the development of critical infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that your Administration will carefully consider the concerns of those directly impacted by this project and take the necessary steps to ensure that all parties can move forward in good faith.

Sincerely yours,



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