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Dear Mr. Vavala,

We are writing to you to bring an important matter to your attention regarding the planned replacement of the transmission lines and towers that currently traverse our village and the neighboring Village of Ardentown.

At the September meetings of each of our legislative bodies, there were unanimous votes to request Delmarva Power conduct a feasibility study on alternative alignments for the capital project. We have developed a web app that highlights the impact of the current transmission line corridor and presents a proposal for Delmarva Power and our elected officials to explore a new alignment that better serves Delmarva, the environment, and our communities for the next hundred years. This web app can be accessed at [https://bit.ly/transmission\\_lines](https://bit.ly/transmission_lines).

Our proposal recommends exploring a rerouting of the transmission lines along the CSX tracks (the former B&O Railroad alignment) that run parallel to the current path. This realignment offers numerous benefits, including reduced health and environmental risks, alleviated housing impacts, and improved efficiency by continuing the consolidation of transportation and utility infrastructure along the B&O corridor and away from schools and communities. By moving the lines away from residential and forested areas, we can greatly reduce environmental and health risks while preserving the character of our communities and natural habitats.

The web app includes detailed information, interactive maps, graphics, charts, and pictures to illustrate the current and proposed transmission line routes, the impact on affected areas, and the benefits of the proposed realignment. We believe this realignment is a forward-thinking solution that aligns with modern environmental and community values and sets a

precedent for thoughtful, sustainable infrastructure development for the next century.

We urge Delmarva Power to thoroughly evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of this proposed realignment and to present your findings to the affected communities, stakeholders, and elected officials. We recognize the complexity of this undertaking and seek the support of our elected officials to facilitate collaboration between Delmarva Power and CSX.

Please consider this request with the seriousness it deserves. Our communities are committed to supporting this effort and ensuring a beneficial outcome for all parties involved. We look forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with Delmarva Power and our elected officials to achieve a resilient and harmonious future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ben Gruswitz  
Village Assembly Chair

CC: Governor John Carney  
U.S. Senator Tom Carper  
U.S. Senator Chris Coons  
U.S. Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester  
State Senator Sarah McBride  
State Senator Kyle Evans Gay  
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