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The Honorable  
Roscoe Bartlett  
United States House of Representatives  
7360 Guilford Drive, Suite 101  
Frederick MD 21704

Re: PATH—Frederick County

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

As a supporter and fellow citizen in Southern Frederick County, I am greatly disappointed in your support of Allegheny over and above the citizens in the Sugarloaf area whose properties and lives will be extremely damaged, if not ruined, if PATH is allowed to go forth with *overhead AC* lines as opposed to *buried HVDC*. Such an installation in a designated conservation area is a travesty.

Not only is the need for this line in considerable doubt in the first place, it also propagates and supports dirty coal burning, an outdated technology. Since buried HVDC is a proven and used technology installed by Siemens and ABB, it is inexcusable that our landscape be traversed by anything other than buried lines....the towers for overhead lines are 130 feet tall with clear-cut areas 200—300 feet wide underneath.

For 46 miles across Frederick County, a wide swath of devastation will permanently mar the landscape, when buried HVDC could instead follow the existing Right of Way of the railroad from Point of Rocks to Kemptown, utilizing only 20 feet of Right of Way.

Is your support of Allegheny over your constituents due to the considerable contribution Allegheny has made to you?

Enclosed is the letter from your colleague Congressman Frank Wolf from Virginia, which is admirable. How, in good conscience, can you not stand behind the populace that has supported you and whom you are supposed to represent?

I call on you to require Allegheny Power/Energy to conduct an independent study of alternative methods of delivering electricity, including buried HVDC, before Allegheny files with MPSC in early April. Please respond to this letter and the specific points raised herein.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Senator Alex Mooney  
BoCC Pres. Jan Gardner  
Frederick County Republican Party

