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Mr. Howard Schneider
Chair, PJM Board of Managers
PJM Interconnection, LLC
P.O. Box 1525
Southeastern, PA 19399-1525

Dear Chairman Schneider:

I am writing to express concerns regarding the PJM-proposed Independence Energy Connection (EIC) 230kV project being developed by Transource LLC ("Transource") in Harford and Washington Counties. Maryland prides itself on our rich agricultural heritage. Many Maryland families have farmed for generations, including the residents in Harford County who stand to be impacted by this project. As currently designed, the project will take prime agricultural land out of production, including land that is in permanent agriculture easements.

While I understand the need to reduce power congestion in Maryland, I respectfully request that this project be stopped until it can be re-evaluated or until a new route can be considered that utilizes existing rights of way, instead of taking large swaths of actively-used farmland. I also request that there be further engagement with the community and with the Maryland Department of Agriculture and Maryland Energy Administration. Working together, we can look for solutions that satisfy the property rights concerns of the landowners and the congestion relief concerns of PJM.

Thank you for considering the interests of Maryland landowners in our integral agricultural industry, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Hogan'.

Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland