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The Honorable Delores Kelley
Finance Committee
Senate Bill – 561- Electric Cooperatives – Meetings - Alterations

Dear Chairwoman and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 561 will allow Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) and Choptank Electric Cooperative on the Eastern Shore to hold its Annual Meeting in-person, virtually or with a combination of in-person and virtual attendance. This allows a person who is unable to attend the meeting in-person to participate virtually and still count towards the required quorum of 50 members in attendance.

Senate Bill 561 is supported by the South Maryland Delegation and the Eastern Shore Delegation.

I request the committee's favorable consideration of Senate Bill 561.