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Re: Valley Link Transmission Line

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To Whom It May Concern:

*Immediate Past
President*
Carrie Brown

On behalf of the more than 600 Realtor® and affiliate members of the Greater Piedmont Realtors® (GPR), I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed Joshua Falls to Yeat Transmission Line Project being advanced by Valley Link Transmission.

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GPR recognizes the importance of maintaining a reliable electric grid and supporting Virginia's long-term energy needs. Regional infrastructure projects are necessary as the Commonwealth continues to grow. However, projects of this scale must be approached with careful consideration for the communities and landowners who bear the greatest impacts.

The proposed 765-kV transmission corridor would cross large portions of rural Virginia, including productive farmland, forests, historic landscapes, and privately owned property. Reports indicate the project could require a right-of-way approximately 200 feet wide with structures reaching significant heights. Many residents are deeply concerned about the long-term effects on property rights, agricultural operations, scenic resources, and the rural character that defines these communities.

There has also been discussion about the use of eminent domain to acquire the needed right-of-way. GPR believes eminent domain should be used as a tool of last resort where the only viable solution involves acquiring additional right-of-way from private landowners. Negotiated settlements with active participation from all affected parties should be the goal for any infrastructure expansion projects.

GPR respectfully encourages Valley Link, PJM, Dominion Energy, and the State Corporation Commission to carefully evaluate existing routing options, fully engage affected landowners, and prioritize minimizing impacts on homes, farms, businesses, and environmentally sensitive areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Johnson

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President

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