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The Honorable Tim Kaine  
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Dear Governor Kaine:

I want to thank you for taking the time last week to meet with local officials about the Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) power line project.

As you know, I share many of the concerns that were raised at the meeting. You have heard me state many times before that I firmly believe that at least one of the State Corporation Commission (SCC) commissioners should attend each hearing. I believe that the SCC and the public would be better served if the commissioners themselves could hear the accounts of public hearings first hand. This should become a standard practice of the SCC and I urge you to push the General Assembly to consider legislation which would make this a requirement.

I also want to express my concerns about the dates and location of the scheduled hearings. August is a time when many are off on vacations and I do not believe that a good representation of the public will be in attendance. I think consideration should be given to reschedule the hearings for a time when most are back at work and in town to be able to attend. It has been brought to my attention that James Wood High School would be a better location for the Frederick County hearing as James Wood is closer to the proposed location of the line and also the affected residents.

Lastly, I've heard concerns about the notification dates for residents that may be affected. It is my understanding that PATH has until July 20 to notify those in the right of way, but residents have a deadline of July 27 to file as a responder or intervener. One week is not sufficient notice and I believe this deadline should be extended.

I appreciate your consideration and attention to this issue of importance to my constituents. Any changes to the hearings that could allow for better public participation will benefit the process as a whole.

Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with these officials and for your willingness to address these concerns.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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