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## Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins Celebrates Arbor Day!

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In celebration of Arbor Day, the national holiday calling on citizens to plant and protect trees, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins is urging local residents to **provide feedback** on ways electric utility providers can **improve the current clear cutting methods** around transmission power lines in the region. The Public Service Commission recently announced that it is conducting a review of the right of way (ROW) practices and has requested **input from members of the community**.

Please take a moment to sign the [online petition](#) and share your thoughts on this important issue!

In March, after holding community forums and touring impacted areas for several months, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins introduced legislation addressing the concerns being raised by hundreds of constituents, which impacts the community notification and input process related to ROW management. The Public Service Commission cited the proposed legislation as well as efforts made by local residents as influential in their decision to review right of way practices.

“This is an opportunity to shape the public process, as a result of the collective efforts of those concerned about these issues. This feedback can be instrumental in urging my colleagues to support the legislation in the Senate and encouraging the Public Service Commission to make appropriate revisions to their policies, ensuring every avenue is explored to address the valid concerns of our residents,” said Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

**To Sign The Petition: [Click Here!](#)**