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TO: APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

RE: H.B. 665- PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND
STATE BUILDINGS- USE OF GEOTHERMAL
ENERGY

POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes H.B. 665 which is before you today for consideration. The bill would require that geothermal energy systems be installed in newly constructed public schools and State Buildings for which more than 50% of the construction cost is paid using state funds. At a time when the state is looking at a mammoth school construction initiative, we believe it would be ill advised to pursue this bill at this time.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on H.B. 665.

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