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HB 1545 – Electric Generation – Transition from Fossil Fuels – Carbon Dioxide Emissions Rate and Transition Account

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Economic Matters Committee

OPPOSED

Brian G. Malloy, International Vice President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Fourth District

Dear Chair Davis, Vice Chair Dumais, and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

On behalf of more than 5,700 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Maryland, I am opposing House Bill 1545. Closing the fossil fueled plants in Maryland, without alternative energy sources in place will jeopardize the stability of the grid. There has also been no data that clearly supports that the proposed transition funding, if even available, will be sufficient to support the transition of the displaced workers and their communities. I and my Maryland IBEW members respectfully ask for an unfavorable report by the committee.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Malloy

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