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To: Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake

Re: Support Senate Bill 994 – Maryland Electricians Act of 2020

IEC Chesapeake supports Senate Bill (SB) 994 and asks for a favorable report. SB994 seeks to create a statewide journey person electrician license. The creation of this new statewide license is good for business, the electrical industry, and consumers. IEC Chesapeake believes that reciprocity with neighboring jurisdictions will make it easier for electricians to do business in this region. In addition, SB994 addresses issues relating to low voltage electrical services.

IEC Chesapeake believes that SB994 will create efficiencies in the electrical industry. The bill will also create additional protections for consumers. IEC Chesapeake looks forward to working with the sponsor and the Committee to ensure that any changes made to SB994 make it easier for electrical businesses to operate in Maryland and the surrounding region. We will work with other stakeholders to suggest any necessary amendments to the bill.

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents members throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Our headquarters are located in Laurel, Maryland. IEC Chesapeake has an extensive apprenticeship program for training electricians. In addition, IEC Chesapeake promotes green economic growth by providing education and working with contractor members, industry partners, government policy makers and inspectors to increase the use of renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Grant Shmelzer, Executive Director of IEC Chesapeake, at 1-301-621-9545, extension 114 or at gshmelzer@iec-chesapeake.com or Kevin O’Keeffe at 410-382-7844 or at kevin@kokeeffelaw.com.

