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Written Testimony of

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Before the

House Ways and Means Committee On

HB 1250 Maryland Solar Investment Tax Credit and Task Force to Study Solar Energy Incentives

Support

March 7, 2022

Madame Chair Atterbeary and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **support** of House Bill 1250.

My name is Rico Albacarys and I'm an employee and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 24, in Baltimore.

Maryland is at a crossroads in its future of energy generation. We as a society have the resources and foresight to improve our methods of generating energy. This can and should be done, while considering the needs of working men and women in Maryland. HB 1250 accomplishes all this and more.

The wage standards in the bill are crucial, making sure the energy jobs of the future will be the family sustaining jobs of the future. The apprenticeship standards ensure Marylanders are receiving the quality training necessary to perform these jobs, while obtaining certifications for jobs elsewhere in the electrical industry. The outreach goals ensure all of our citizens take part in and benefit from these projects. Lastly, this legislation contains the goal of creating a task force, with stakeholders from across the industry to find the best ways to transition into a clean energy future.

This is why I'm asking you to give HB 1250, as written, a **favorable** report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Albacarys', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Manager