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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Economic Matters Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 839 – Investor-Owned Electric Companies – Clean Energy Homes Pilot Programs – Establishment  
(Maryland Resilient and Clean Energy Homes Act)

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 839 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

Do we really need another program that establishes more control over the use of essential resources and costs taxpayers more money? These things always start small and then grow which is against our principles of small government.

Load management and electric grid support that manages customer load and distributes energy resources sounds like consumers giving control of electrical use over to a company that can provide or cut off their energy resources on a whim – perhaps at a governmental authority’s “emergency management dictate”. This could lead to serious problems if electricity is not available for medical or other equipment a citizen may need in their home.

Broad-based control of the people is unacceptable and we request that you vote against it.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers