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Testimony Prepared for the
Economic Matters Committee
on
Senate Bill 170
March 30, 2023
Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to support clean energy production, with a sustainable, sufficient livelihood for all. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community with three judicatories in every part of our State.

Our community has supported a transition to clean energy production since we identified greenhouse gas emissions as an environmental threat in 1993. We also support the goal of a sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all people (including the right to organize and bargain collectively).

Maryland has undertaken an aspirational policy of lowering GGRs in its energy sector. A skilled, stable workforce will be required to meet its goals. Defining such a workforce equitably, as **Senate Bill 170** does, is therefore in the interest of Maryland's stated policies. It is also the right thing to do for the workers who will supply the labor that achieves and maintains infrastructure for energy regime change.

For those reasons we support **Senate Bill 170** and urge a favorable report.

Lee Hudson