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Before the

Senate Finance Committee On

SB 170 Energy Generation Projects - Required Labor Standards

Support

February 8, 2023

Madame Chair Griffith and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **support** of Senate Bill 170.

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, transmission and storage. The State has the resources and foresight to improve our energy grid for future generations. This can and should be done, while considering the needs of working men and women in Maryland. SB 170 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 very dangerous jobs. This legislation contains outreach goals to ensure all of our citizens take part and benefit from these projects. All of this while addressing Maryland's current and future needs for energy infrastructure.

This is why I'm asking you to give SB 170 a **favorable** report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Manager