



TESTIMONY FOR HB0839

Investor-Owned Electric Companies - Clean Energy Homes Pilot Programs - Establishment (Maryland Resilient and Clean Energy Homes Act)

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Qi

Committee: Economic Matters

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0839 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state. We have over 30,000 members across the state.

This bill proposes a very creative way to jump start the electrification process in Maryland. It requires each electric company to create a three-year pilot program that will –

- Establish a make-ready program that provides grants to customers to offset reasonable costs of purchasing and installing behind-the-meter equipment
- Establish a program for upfront rebates for on-site clean energy systems and on-site clean energy generators installed in association with beneficial electrification measures
- Establish a program for qualifying multifamily dwellings that will provide at least 25% electric bill savings, on average, to participating qualifying low-income customers who are tenants of a qualifying multifamily dwelling; and be configured to provide emergency backup power to common areas of a qualifying multifamily dwelling during an electrical outage event.
- Make available to all customers a load management and electric grid support services program that manages customer load and uses distributed energy resources to prevent distribution system upgrades and reduce wear and tear on the system.

This will help low-income residents to become early participants in the switch to clean energy while managing load balancing and resiliency for our electric grid.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and we recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in Committee.

