



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0682  
ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS – LABOR AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
REQUIREMENTS**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Atterbeary

**Committee:** Economic Matters

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB0682 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

The legislature has fought hard in recent years to raise the minimum wage in Maryland, and to try to ensure that working Marylanders make a living wage. We commend them for looking out for hard-working Marylanders. This bill, if enacted, would ensure that employees, contractors, and sub-contractors working on construction of an electric generating station that has received approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity receive the prevailing wage. It will also require the employers to certify that they have not mis-classified employees, and report on the wages paid.

It directs the Public Service Commission, when determining whether to approve a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to ensure that they are complying with the state's Minority Business Enterprise Program.

Our members believe that every working Marylander should receive the prevailing wage, and that Maryland should do its part to support minority-owned businesses.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.