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## Written Testimony of

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Before the

House Economic Matters Committee On

HB 682 Energy Generation Projects – Labor and Minority Business Enterprise Requirements

## Support

February 13, 2024

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **support** of House Bill 682. 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 workers and minority owned businesses. HB 682 accomplishes all this and more.

The wage standards in the bill are vital, making sure the energy jobs of the future will be the family sustaining jobs of the future. This legislation contains MBE 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 HB 682 a **favorable** report.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys  
Assistant Business Manager