



February 6, 2024

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Support: SB 337 – Commission on Climate Change PSC Membership**

Dear, Chair Feldman and Committee Members:

On behalf of the NAIOP Maryland Chapters representing 700 companies involved in all aspects of commercial, industrial, and mixed-use real estate I am writing to support SB 337 which would make the Chair of the Maryland Public Service Commission a member of the Commission on Climate Change. The rationale for NAIOP's position is based on the following:

- Policies related to energy price and supply, utility infrastructure and climate mitigation are interrelated in ways that make it essential for them to be considered together.
- The Commission on Climate Change and its working groups often take up the same challenging policy questions that have been the subject of Public Service Commission work groups or cases.
- Making the Public Service Commission Chair a member of the Commission on Climate Change will make it easier for the two organizations to arrive at coordinated and well-informed climate mitigation strategies.

For these reasons **NAIOP respectfully requests your favorable report on SB 337.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T.M. Ballentine".

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy  
NAIOP – Maryland Chapters, *The Association for Commercial Real Estate*

cc: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members  
Nick Manis – Manis, Canning Assoc.