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SB 804

DATE: February 27, 2025

SPONSOR: Senator Brooks

ASSIGNED TO: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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POSITION: Favorable (Department of Environmental Protection)

Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2025)

This legislation would require new buildings and significant building improvements to meet all of their laundry, water, and space heating demands without the combustion of fossil fuels. These needs would be met instead through the use of clean and efficient electric equipment. The bill would also ensure that new buildings be energy efficient and constructed to be ready for potential subsequent solar panel and/or electric vehicle charging equipment installation. This is the right way to build new buildings, and these measures are cost-effective in new construction.

Montgomery County passed a similar law applying to new construction in 2022 in alignment with achieving our climate action goals, and would welcome a standardized statewide approach. The requirements to meet laundry, water, and space heating needs without the use of combustion equipment are especially important.

We respectfully request that the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 804.