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To: Senator Brian Feldman, Chair; Senator Cheyl Kagen, Vice Chair; Members of the Committee
From: Jason Ascher, Political Director, Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association.

SUPPORT SB 316 - Abundant Affordable Clean Energy - Procurement and Development (AACE Act)

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and our five United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Locals, which represent 10,000+ Plumbers, Steamfitter, Welders, HVAC Techs, and Sprinkler Fitters across Maryland, I ask you to **SUPPORT SB 316**.

At the United Association, we believe in all the above approaches to energy generation. We will support energy generation that creates good union jobs. We do not want to see the ratepayers limited to one or two specific types of energy generation. Using wind, solar, nuclear, and other renewable sources, along with baseload generation like natural gas, helps ensure grid consistency.

The Abundant Affordable Clean Energy Act doesn't touch natural gas. Instead, it encourages more nuclear Generation. It also works on issues related to renewable sources like wind and solar energy and the added battery storage resource to the energy generation arsenal. The battery storage to help make energy generation more affordable.

For the reasons previously mentioned, I ask you to **SUPPORT SB 316**

Sincerely,

Jason Ascher
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