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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0316 – FAVORABLE

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

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0316, Abundant Affordable Clean Energy - Procurement and Development (AACE Act)

This bill contemplates that, when electricity is being generated, plans for energy storage and devices for that purpose must be part of the planning and implementation processes. It will permit load balancing to occur with less environmental impact when the energy usage can be from existing power storage instead of new generation of electricity.

This bill will require each electric company in the State to submit to the Public Service Commission by certain dates plans for the construction or procurement of distribution-connected energy storage devices and to construct or procure the devices in accordance with the plan. The financial incentive for creation and publication of those plans will occur by providing for the creation of zero-emission credits by beneficial nuclear facilities. In addition, it will set guidelines for consideration on non-fossil fuel electrical power acquisition by requiring the Commission to pursue certain coordinated approaches to offshore wind energy transmission development; etc.

If Maryland is to meet their climate change protection goals this bill can provide a framework for actions on those plans.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0316.