<u>House Bill 973 – Oppose</u>

House Committee on Environment and Transportation "Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2025)"

Please return an UNFAVORABLE report for HB0973.

I'm not aware of a high confidence plan to meet energy needs without the use of fossil fuels. Many billions of dollars are being spent to retrofit buildings and equipment without a viable source for power generation and electrical grid in place to service the buildings and equipment.

Please put a pause on this initiate until the technology is mature, the system is demonstrated, and an affordable solution is known.

Thank you for your consideration,

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