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To: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake

Re: Support for House Bill 1029 – Clean Energy Jobs–Workforce Development–Scope

IEC Chesapeake supports House Bill (HB) 1029 and requests a favorable report. HB1029 makes eligible workers in the “energy efficiency” career sector of the clean energy industry for funding related to youth apprenticeship job programs and registered apprenticeship jobs training programs. This proposed change will allow for additional clean energy jobs to be eligible for state funding for selected job training programs.

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents members throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Our headquarters are located in Laurel, Maryland. IEC Chesapeake has an extensive apprenticeship program for training electricians. In addition, IEC Chesapeake promotes green economic growth by providing education and working with contractor members, industry partners, government policy makers and inspectors to increase the use of renewable energy.

Thanks for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Grant Shmelzer, Executive Director of IEC Chesapeake, at 301-621-9545, extension 114 or at gshmelzer@iec-chesapeake.com or Kevin O’Keeffe at 410-382-7844 or at kevin@kokeeffelaw.com.

