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**OPPOSE - House Bill 784- Maryland Online Consumer Protection Act**

House Bill 784 is a comprehensive bill that includes various requirements for businesses that collect consumer information and how that information can be disclosed or be prohibited from being disclosed at a consumer's request. Consumer information includes account information, social security numbers, driver license numbers and forms of tracking data, which could include electricity consumption data and other data that could impact the security of Maryland's transmission and distribution grid collected by Pepco and Delmarva Power.

Pepco and Delmarva Power understand the concerns surrounding data privacy breaches, however Maryland has historically exempted utilities from disclosing to its customers critical electric infrastructure information in order to protect the security and integrity of the electric grid. The process of how information that impacts critical electric infrastructure information is disseminated and to whom continues to evolve through an existing Cyber-Security Reporting Work Group regulatory process at the Public Service Commission. Any policy impacting critical electric infrastructure information must be developed in a way that does not add unnecessary and security risks to the electric system while protecting the electric utility's ability to service the needs of its customers.

We have provided attached hereto an amendment that addresses our concerns around the sensitive information to which Pepco and Delmarva are privy in order to safely and efficiently operate the distribution system. Ensuring the energy safety of Maryland's residents must be paramount when considering legislation of this nature.

We look forward to working with the sponsors and stakeholders to ensure the security of Maryland's energy infrastructure remains resilient against cyber-attacks.

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## Amendment

On page 14, line 24 at the beginning of the line, insert “(2) personally identifiable information collected by an investor-owned gas company, electric company or combination gas and electric company tied to critical electric infrastructure information.”