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Maryland House of Delegates – Appropriations Committee

TO: Delegate McIntosh, Chair; and Members of the Committee
FROM: Jason Ascher, Political Director, Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

SUPPORT HB 520 – State Buildings – Geothermal Energy Systems – Requirement

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and over fourteen thousand members and families from the United Association Locals across Maryland, I ask you to SUPPORT HB 520.

As we slowly transition away from fossil fuel to more renewable sources, we must consider its impact on the community, the taxpayer, and the displaced workers. If the state is going to mandate the use of renewable sources on individuals and businesses', then the state must lead and use these new technologies on public buildings.

This legislation would look out for the displaced workers because, unlike many other forms of renewable energy, the people who build and maintain fossil fuel infrastructure are from the same construction crafts as those who build and maintain a Geothermal Energy System. When these systems get built on public buildings, they could fall under prevailing wage, which means better-trained workers, more local businesses and workers, and a better value for the taxpayers.

For the reasons discussed above, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 520**.

Sincerely,
Jason Ascher
Political Director
Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

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