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## Written Testimony of

Peter Demchuk, Business Manager, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

House Economic Matters Committee On

HB 33 – Climate Crisis and Education Act

**OPPOSE**

February 16, 2021

Dear Chairman Davis and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony opposing HB 33.

For the record, my name is Peter Demchuk. I am a 41- year member, and the Business Manager, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 24 located in Baltimore. I represent approximately 2,000 hardworking, Maryland tax paying electricians. I am a lifelong resident of Maryland and reside in District 7 of Baltimore County.

Although we find the spirit of the bill promising, we are opposed to it. As I've stated before in written testimony, this issue is very complex. Of immediate concern is the loss of jobs for our fellow citizens. These losses are not effectively addressed in the proposed language. We are talking about Marylanders economic futures, setting up a benefit fund on their behalf is not good enough.

In light of the complexity of the issues the bill is addressing, we urge you give this bill an unfavorable vote and not pass it out of committee.

Thank you,

  
Peter P. Demchuk

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