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Written Testimony of

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Before the

Economic Matters Committee On

HB-467 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Hydroelectric Power

Support

February 2, 2021

Chairman Davis and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **support** of House Bill 467.

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 24 located in Baltimore. In addition, I am a lifelong resident of Maryland, residing in District 7 of Baltimore County. I represent approximately 2,000 hardworking, Maryland tax paying electricians.

The work we do is not easy; it requires high skills and has a fair amount of risk. We understand this, which is why we provide extensive training and fight for quality wages, pensions, and health care. We believe everyone doing this type of work is entitled to these wages, regardless of their affiliation with

our organization. As Business Manager one of my duties is to protect the jobs of my members. Each year at least ten of my tax paying members perform routine maintenance work at Conowingo Dam. And if there are any upgrades we've had as many as 75 members employed at the generating station at the Dam. These are good jobs, with good wages and benefits that can support a family.

The energy produced by the Conowingo Dam Generating Station is clean energy, no fossil fuel is burned to produce electricity. Because of these reasons I'm in favor of HB 467. I urge the Economic Matters Committee members for a FAVORABLE vote on HB467

Sincerely,



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