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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 66 Electric Generation-Transition Fund February 18, 2021

To: Hon. Dereck E. Davis, Chair, and members of the House Economic Matters Committee
From: George Hogan, Business Manager, IBEW Local 26

Mr. Chair and distinguished Members of the Finance Committee, I cannot stress enough my **opposition** to HB 66. This job killing legislation is years ahead of the technology necessary for Maryland to sustain the green energy jobs we all are looking forward to in the future.

As a lifelong Marylander and the leader of over 10,000 members, 5000 of which are Maryland residents, I am opposed to any bill that removes well-paying jobs before their counterpart “green” jobs are ready. Do you realize that the state of Maryland consumes one and a half times more energy than it produces? This legislation would just add to that deficit. Are you also aware that this bill just removes well paying jobs from Maryland and ships them to neighboring states? West Virginia and Pennsylvania are licking their chops, eager for the extra income, knowing full well that the technology to store solar energy that Maryland is seeking, has not been invented.

I am writing this in my Lanham office, directly above a state-of-the-art training facility. As I write, young men and women are being educated on the green jobs of the future. However, until we have the technology to store solar energy, Maryland will still have to purchase power from neighboring states. Please, my fellow Marylanders, do not put the cart before the horse. Wait until our state can produce the clean energy before transferring these jobs out of state. I encourage you to **oppose HB 66**.

Sincerely, George Hogan

