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The Honorable Chairman Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senate Committee on Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

Subject: Senate Bill 762, Support with Amendments

Dear Chairman Pinsky and members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee,

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Maryland Electricians Act – Revisions (Senate Bill 762). While we support the overall intent to modernize the state's electrician licensing process, we believe certain clarifications are necessary to ensure this legislation is effective as intended.

HPE and its subsidiary, Aruba Networks, manufactures and sells a range of technology products including networking, servers, and storage hardware. Some of our products make extensive use of Power over Ethernet (PoE) systems. This technology has been confirmed to be safe for installation by unlicensed professionals by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which produces the National Electrical Code. PoE systems are clearly distinct from other types of circuits given their complete safety from shock or fire hazard and comparative ease of installation.

The attached amendment would establish regulations for individuals who install these kinds of devices that do not exceed 100 volts. This language will allow Marylanders to continue utilizing these devices while maintaining the intentions of the underlying legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I'm more than happy to explain in greater detail our concerns with this bill.

Sincerely,

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