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Written Testimony of

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Before the

House Environment and Transportation Committee On

HB 583 – Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021

OPPOSE

February 9th, 2021

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony opposing HB 583.

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 promise of the bill alluring, we are opposed to it. It's a large bill with many components we feel cannot be adequately addressed in a bill of this complexity. An immediate issue of concern is loss of jobs for our fellow citizens. These losses are not effectively addressed in the proposed workgroup and just transition language. We are talking about Marylanders economic futures. Forming a workgroup and ensuring the working lives of those affected by this bill are two different things.

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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