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Maryland House of Delegates Appropriations Committee

Electrical Workers

Chair: Maggie McIntosh

Insulators

Vice Chair: Mark S. Chang

Boilermakers

House Bill 365 Public School Construction - Fossil Fuel-Based Energy System Costs - Prohibition (Green School Construction Act of 2022)

United Association

Position: **OPPOSE**

Plumbers & Gas Fitters

Sprinkler Fitters

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council Opposes House Bill 365. The solar and wind energy industry does not provide, currently, family sustaining wages and benefits comparable to employment in the nuclear, natural gas, fuel oil or coal industry. Our members are certified and licensed skilled crafts persons that install these systems safely and economically. Maryland's renewable energy in the form of hydroelectric, solar, wind and biomass only provides 11% of Maryland's energy use, 75% of which is imported. Nuclear energy and Natural gas provide 79% with 41% and 38% respectively and coal accounts for 9%. Solar and wind have not reached a capacity to replace this reliable on demand energy. By implementing legislation that would deny school construction for the use of these fuels is paramount to shutting down Maryland's school construction program. A draconian approach to force the use of renewables that have yet to be built for the effective use in our day to day lives.

Steam Fitters

Roofers

Cement Masons

Teamsters

Laborers

Bricklayers

Ironworkers

We ask the committee for an unfavorable vote. Thank you.

Sheet Metal Workers

Respectfully,

Elevator Constructors

Painters

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Operating Engineers

Carpenters

Baltimore-DC Metro Building Trades Council

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