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- Sprinkler Fitters
- Steam Fitters
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- Ironworkers
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- Elevator Constructors
- Painters
- Operating Engineers
- Carpenters

Maryland House of Delegates Appropriations Committee

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House Bill 806 Building Standards and Emissions Reductions – High Performance, State, and Local Government Buildings, State Operations, and Eligible Projects

Position: **OPPOSE**

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council Opposes House Bill 806. 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. The solar and wind industry has not paid the same family sustaining wages that have been provided by the nuclear, fuel gas and coal industries. It is important to have labor standards attached to all green construction and renewable energy projects. As our tax dollars are being spent the application of these standards are imperative to protection of the living standards and empowerment of Maryland's working families. These standards include paying the area prevailing wage standard for each trade, including the wages and fringe benefits per trade, and be subject to all state reporting and compliance requirements. Participation in an apprenticeship program registered with the State of Maryland for each trade employed on the project. Contractors that have been compliant with federal and state wage and hour laws in the previous three years. The establishment and execution of a plan for outreach, recruitment, and retention of Maryland residents to perform work on the project—including residents who are returning citizens, women, minority individuals, and veterans—with an aspirational goal of 25 percent of total work hours performed by Maryland residents, including individuals in one or more of the groups identified. Our members are certified and licensed skilled crafts persons that install these systems safely and economically. As a less carbon (not carbon less) future is inevitable the Baltimore DC Building Trades leads the State in green energy construction training through our apprenticeship and journey person programs.

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

Respectfully, Jeffrey Guido -Baltimore-DC Metro Building Trades Council



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