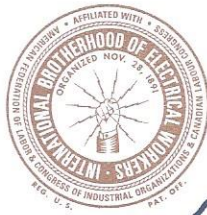


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Maryland House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee HB-88 Public Utilities – Energy Distribution Planning and Required Labor Standards

February 1, 2022

Position: SUPPORT

To: Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair, and distinguished members of the Economic Matters Committee

From: Gary R. Griffin, International Representative, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Chairman Wilson and distinguished members,

The IBEW, and its 11,749 members that reside in Maryland strongly support HB-88.

With financial support soon to be available to states from the Federal Government, via the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, this bill will be a great opportunity to put in place legislation that will, far into the future, help the working families and employers in Maryland. This, in turn, will strengthen our communities, which will strengthen our state and, last but not least, strengthen the Electrical Grid in Maryland. Maryland has, for far too long, relied on energy that has been imported from other states. Maryland residents deserve the good paying jobs and benefits the Labor Standards of this legislation will provide as we improve and expand the Electrical Grid System in Maryland.

This bill will be an investment in the future of Maryland's working people, employers, and Energy Independence.

In closing, I respectfully request that you support HB-88, as written, by giving it a favorable report.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and consideration of my recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Griffin".

Gary R. Griffin
International Representative
IBEW, Fourth District