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To: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

From: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake

Re: Oppose House Bill 569 – Energy Generation, Transmission, and Storage Projects-Required Community Benefit Agreement and Labor Standards

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake opposes House Bill (HB) 569 and asks for an unfavorable report.

IEC Chesapeake believes that HB 569 as drafted creates an undue burden on small contractors as a result of numerous reporting requirements. Requiring 80% of the craft workers on a project to complete a 10 hour or 30 hour OSHA course can also disadvantage small contractors. IEC Chesapeake represents merit shop contractors who are concerned that they may be put at a competitive disadvantage for contracting opportunities in House Bill 569.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Grant Shmelzer, Executive Director of IEC Chesapeake, at 1-301-621-9545, extension 114 or at gshmelzer@iec-chesapeake.com or Kevin O’Keeffe at 410-382-7844 or at kevin@kokeeffelaw.com.

About Us

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) Chesapeake represents members throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. Our headquarters are located in Laurel, Maryland. IEC Chesapeake has an extensive apprenticeship program for training electricians. In addition, IEC Chesapeake promotes green economic growth by providing education and working with contractor members, industry partners, government policy makers and inspectors to increase the use of renewable energy.

