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## Written Testimony of

Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Manager, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

Economic Matters Committee On

HB 569 Energy Generation, Transmission, and Storage Projects - Required Community Benefit Agreement and Labor Standards

## Support

February 22, 2022

Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **support** of House Bill 569.

My name is Rico Albacarys and I'm an employee and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 24, in Baltimore.

Maryland is at a crossroads in its future of energy generation, transmission and storage. The State has the resources and foresight to improve our energy grid for future generations. This can and should be done, while considering the needs of working men and women in Maryland. HB 569 accomplishes all this and more.

The wage standards in the bill are crucial, making sure the energy jobs of the future will be the family sustaining jobs of the future. The apprenticeship standards ensure Marylanders are receiving the quality training necessary to perform these very dangerous jobs. This legislation contains outreach goals to ensure all of our citizens take part and benefit from these projects. All of this while addressing Maryland's current and future needs for energy infrastructure.

This is why I'm asking you to give HB 569 a **favorable** report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rico Albacarys', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Manager