



SB494- Electricity - Maryland Energy Administration - Energy and Water Efficiency Standards – Alterations

Testimony before

Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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Position: Favorable

Mr. Chair, Madame Vice Chair and members of the committee, my name is Elizabeth Fixsen, and I represent the 750+ members of Indivisible Howard County. Indivisible Howard County is an active member of the Maryland Legislative Coalition (with 30,000+ members). We are providing written testimony today in **support of SB494**, altering some provisions relating to energy efficiency standards for a range of products and applying the standards to an extended list of products and devices made or sold in the state. We thank Senators Pinsky, Lam, King, Lee, Washington, and Guzzone for their sponsorship of this bill.

This bill effectively imposes energy efficiency standards on an extended list of products, including: 1) electric vehicle supply equipment; (2) high color rendering index (CRI) fluorescent lamps; (3) portable electric spas; (4) air purifiers; (5) commercial dishwashers; (6) commercial steam cookers; (7) faucets; (8) residential ventilating fans; (9) showerheads; (10) spray sprinkler bodies; (11) urinals; (12) water closets; and (13) water coolers. The bill also provides for a review as of January 1, 2023 of the standards for the new products and revision of the standards as may be needed.

Energy efficiency standards lower energy consumption and thus help the state of Maryland continue to combat climate change. Expanding the number of products and devices subject to energy and water efficiency standards will ensure that Maryland continues on that path.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

We respectfully urge a favorable report.

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