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- Insulators
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- Plumbers & Gas Fitters
- Sprinkler Fitters
- Steam Fitters
- Roofers
- Cement Masons
- Teamsters
- Laborers
- Bricklayers
- Ironworkers
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Elevator Constructors
- Painters
- Operating Engineers
- Carpenters

Maryland House of Delegates Environment and Transportation Committee

Chair: Kumar P. Barve

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House Bill 831 Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Commercial and Residential Buildings

Position: **Informational**

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council is providing information pertinent to House bill 831. As our International Unions are part of the Blue Green Alliance and as Local Building Trades Unions with green construction as part of our journey person and apprenticeship training we have a vested interest in the retrofitting and new construction of buildings as described in the legislation. As our tax dollars are being spent on renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy storage and environmental protection the application of labor standards are imperative to protect the living standards and the 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. The implementation of green standards in public works projects requests for proposals to bid to include green roofs, thermal pane windows, geothermal, rainwater catchment solar and wind et al will do more to reduce the carbon footprint than an all or nothing attack on fossil fuels. Our members are certified and licensed skilled crafts persons that install these systems safely and economically.

We ask the committee for consideration when casting a vote.

Thank you.

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



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