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TESTIMONY IN FULL SUPPORT OF HB 793 OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY-STATE GOALS, PROCUREMENT & PROMOTION March 6, 2023

TO: Del. C.T. Wilson, Chair and members of the Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Tom Clark, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the Committee, I ask you for a **favorable vote on HB 793**. This piece of energy legislation covers all that Maryland strives for in the coming years, decades and centuries: Renewable energy, local hiring and purchasing, and a peaceful, productive relationship between Labor and Management.

The sponsors and authors of HB 793 have “hit a homerun” regarding energy produced by Offshore wind and the work produced by the proud Maryland workforce. HB 793 calls for the purchase of American made iron and steel and an effort to purchase materials manufactured locally. HB 793 allows workers to freely choose to organize and collectively bargain. This renewable energy bill promotes registered apprenticeship programs and goals to encourage a minority workforce. It also rewards management with renewable energy tax credits. The way this bill was written should be a blueprint for all renewable energy legislation of the future. It helps the environment, the State and the States most valuable resource: It’s workers.

I ask the members of the distinguished Economic Matters Committee to closely read HB 793 and realize it’s a win, win, win, for all involved. I hope you can give a **favorable vote to HB 793**. Thank you

