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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB0719-Public Safety State Fuel Security Program

Dear Senators,

We oppose SB 719 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

The ability of the State to distribute energy resources during an emergency is troubling to us.

As we have just experienced a “state of emergency” by the Federal Government for the Covid “crisis” where certain freedoms were violated, which this letter is too short to detail, we see the same governmental overreach in a bill that would regulate how much of what kind of energy a person, company or organization receives.

It opens up the ability by the government to restrict entities who disagree with the governmental policies and directives to be singled out and “punished” by energy restriction. The situation in Canada involving the truckers last winter is a prime example of this kind of overreach where they couldn’t get fuel and ultimately had their bank accounts seized. These are blatant violations of individual freedoms.

This is a bad idea and a bad bill. Please vote against SB 719.

Sincerely,

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