



Maryland Senate – Education Energy and the Environment Committee

Chair: Brian J. Feldman

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House Bill 0781– Offshore Wind Energy - State Goals and Procurement (Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act)

Position: Support

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports HB 0781. The use of Community Benefit Agreements, Community Workforce Agreements and Project Labor Agreements allow State and local agencies to utilize a market-based, project efficiency tool like PLAs to ensure “on time, on budget” results for their construction projects; as well as to ensure that LOCAL workers are getting the jobs created by local tax investments. Any qualified contractor can bid to work under a PLA on a public project. These project agreements contribute to a more sound local tax base with more income put into circulation to the benefit of local small businesses. Furthermore, the PLA model promotes career training opportunities for local residents – particularly women, minorities and veterans. PLAs continue to be utilized by the profit-oriented and cost-conscious private sector for example. Successful PLA's in Maryland. MGM National Harbor is the highest at \$900M grossing casino outside of Las Vegas, NV. CPV St. Charles Energy Center. Cove Point LNG Export facility. North Keys Energy Center and Conowingo Dam Hydro electric facility the largest non-federal hydro electric dam in the U.S and the largest hydro dam in MD. It is imperative that moving forward the renewable energy industry be built with the use of project labor agreements. We know how to build them and we know how to build them right.

We urge the committee for a favorable report.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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