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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 743 CLIMATE, LABOR, & ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY ACT OF 2023 February 23, 2023

TO: Sen. Brian Feldman, Chair and Members of the Education, Energy & Environment Committee
From: Tom Clark, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26

Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee, Local 26 is in **support of SB 743**. Environmental equity is important to the IBEW as it should be for all of those in our State.

We salute the sponsors of this bill, not just for looking out for the underserved in Maryland, but for including Labor standards. Personally, I think all bills thru the General Assembly should include the underserved community and those hard-working Marylanders in labor. The following words is music to my ears:

ESTABLISH AND EXECUTE A PLAN FOR OUTREACH, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE TO PERFORM WORK ON A PROJECT OR OTHER ITEM ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, WITH AN ASPIRATIONAL GOAL OF 25% OF TOTAL WORK HOURS PERFORMED BY RESIDENTS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING RESIDENTS WHO ARE: (I) RETURNING CITIZENS; (II) WOMEN; (III) MINORITY INDIVIDUALS; OR VETERANS
OFFER HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO THE EMPLOYEES WORKING ON A PROJECT OR OTHER ITEM ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

For this reason, I support this bill and encourage you to vote **favorable on SB 743**. Thank you

