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## **Vote Yes on Senate Bill 44**

Bill Title: Maryland Electricians Act- Revisions Hearing Date: January 26, 2023, Education, Energy, and the Environment

To Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair, Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and Environmental Affairs.

Mr. Chair, Madame Vice Chair, and members of the committee. I write today to request your support for Senate Bill 44. During the past year, we have been able to pass legislation to create electrical licensure for the State of Maryland. Senate Bill 44 is a corrective bill to address a segment of electricians that have shelved their master's licenses and currently don't have a classification within the current structure. The intention behind moving this bill forward is to add a license for the Master Electricians that have shelved their license.

Senate Bill 44 is a partnership with the Maryland Department of Labor and those within the profession to address the current license issue that persists. It has been agreed upon with the vested stakeholders that this would be the best path forward to address the issue of those that sought to better themselves by seeking their master's license, and without a classification.

As with the previous year, I hope to earn your continued support in moving the Maryland Electricians Act forward by passing Senate Bill 44.

Respectfully,

Cory V. McCray State Senator