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Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

To: Senator Brian Feldman, Chair; Senator Brian Feldman; Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee.

From: Jason Ascher, Political Director, Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association.

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and our 10,000+ United Association of Plumbers, Steamfitter members, and family members across Maryland, I ask you to **OPPOSE SB 444**.

We stand in solidarity with our brothers the electricians. Licensing is important for the safety of workers, end users, and the public. It ensures that the work done will meet the standard of the state building code, be done in the safest way possible and that the finished product will be safe for the use of the public. This bill seems to be creating an unnecessary loophole in the Maryland Electricians Act.

For the reasons discussed above, I ask you to **OPPOSE SB 444**.

Sincerely,

Jason Ascher
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