



March 6, 2023

The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
The Honorable Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Cisco's Position on SB 444: Support

To Chairperson Feldman and Vice Chairperson Kagan,

Cisco Systems, a global technology company that develops, manufactures, and sells networking hardware, telecommunications equipment, and technology services, supports Senate Bill 444 as written. We wholeheartedly support the appropriate licensure of Limited Energy Contractors and Limited Energy Integrators in the state of Maryland with a clear definition of Limited Energy work. It is paramount that this definition is based on safety science and expert consensus, rather than arbitrary numbers. The definition used in SB 444 was derived, vetted, and debated by subject matter experts that have studied this subject for decades.

SB 444 sets forth a reasonable licensure process that will alleviate the pain felt by integrators across the state due to incongruent local licensure rules. This is the same pain that was felt by the electrical trade, which was resolved in 2021 by SB0762 / HB1262, which we agreed to support with the understanding that legislation to license integrators would be forthcoming. SB 444 fulfills that promise.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad M Jones".

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