



February 6, 2024

The Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair
House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Support: HB 155 – Maryland Energy Administration – Carbon Capture Program

Dear, Chair Wilson and Committee Members:

The NAIOP Maryland Chapters represent 700 companies involved in all aspects of commercial, mixed-use, and light industrial real estate. On behalf of our member companies, I am writing to support HB 155 which establishes a carbon capture research and technology development program within the Maryland Energy Administration. NAIOP's support is based on the following rationale:

- Among the IPCC's seven "illustrative mitigation pathways" that best represent the decarbonization strategies necessary to keep global warming to target levels, only one does not include carbon capture.
- A study authored by Maryland's former climate consultant E3 and the Harvard University, Energy Futures Initiative found that annual incremental costs to debarbonize New England's electric grid would be cut in half by utilizing carbon capture.
- Industry experts believe that until new chemistries are developed, carbon capture is the only feasible technology to decarbonize cement.
- Maryland's Climate Pathways Report relies on carbon capture technologies after 2031. Supporting an emerging in-state industry is in alignment with the modeling assumptions.
- Advancements in carbon capture technology and deployment lag what is required to meet climate goals. HB 155 would provide technical and financial assistance to accelerate investment and development of new ways to mitigate hard to decarbonize emissions.

For these reasons, NAIOP respectfully requests your favorable report on HB 155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Ballentine".

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy
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