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The Honorable CT Wilson, Chair  
The Honorable Brian Crosby, Vice Chair  
House Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building Room 231  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**HB 579: Critical Infrastructure Streamlining Act**  
**Position - Support**

Thank you Chair Wilson and Vice Chair Crosby and members of the House Economic Matters Committee for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 579.

The BDCBT represents 28 construction trade unions across Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Combined, our trade unions represent more than 30,000 skilled craft professionals in the construction industry.

BDCBT supports HB 579. This bill would remove barriers to Maryland's technology infrastructure growth by streamlining the regulatory process for approval of industries that rely on backup power generators. Major 21st-century infrastructures such as data centers rely on backup power generation in case of power outages—and current Maryland law makes it difficult to get prompt approval for generators. By simplifying the regulatory process, this bill will help ensure that the growing Mid-Atlantic technology industry, including data centers, is located in Maryland and promoting Maryland's regional competitiveness.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB 579.

Sincerely,  
Greg Akerman