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Good Afternoon Chairman and Committee

I am Cindy Carter Executive Director Cancer Support Foundation and Co-Founder Critical Medical Needs Program. I am here in support of HB267, Electricity and Gas Retail Supply - Regulations and Consumer Protection.

All companies that sell a life supporting commodity for electricity and gas should have a set of rules and regulations. This lays the foundation of how they do business with residents in Maryland. These guardrails establish them as a business that residents can be secure that there are some protections in place. These guardrails should also include pricing and how an account is sold, managed and kept in force or ability to cancel.

Maryland has large regulated companies that supply the commodities of electricity and gas. We depend on the supply and service that they offer. We also know that their actions are also carefully watched for business practices and requests for any rate increases. We may not like all of their actions but at least what they want to do is being known, regulated and sometimes not