

February 13, 2024

Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair House Economic Matters Committee Room 231 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Wilson,

Onn behalf of the 700 businesses and organizations the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce represents on Maryland's Eastern Shore, we strongly urge the committee to submit an unfavorable report on HB267.

HB267will eliminate energy choice and bring back the days when the larger utilities dominated the market. Removing the ability of energy consumers to shop competitively, and to choose those suppliers who offer the best services and the lowest pricing, HB267 will lead to higher costs for families and small businesses across the state.

Now more than ever, we cannot afford to put even more pressure on our businesses and Marylanders who are struggling to make ends meet. This bill will lead to higher energy costs across the board which makes Maryland less attractive as a place to live and do business.

For these reasons, the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce urges an unfavorable report on HB267.

Sincerely,

William R. Chambers President/CEO

SALISBURY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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