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February 22, 2024

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

SB 474: Critical Infrastructure Streamlining Act
Position - Support


Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the House Economic Matters Committee for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 474.

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 SB 474. 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 SB 474.

Sincerely,
Greg Akerman

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