



SENATE BILL 1 – ELECTRICITY AND GAS – RETAIL SUPPLY – REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

UNFAVORABLE

SENATE ENERGY, EDUCATION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

January 25, 2024

P. Flanigan and Sons, Inc., submits these comments in opposition to SB 1 – Electricity and Gas – Regulation and Consumer Protection.

We are a paving and construction company that operates and maintains three asphalt production facilities in Maryland. We are large volume user of both gas and electric. We routinely procure these products as much as thirty-six months in advance to budget cost in projects that extend through that period.

P. Flanigan and Sons opposes SB1 because it would end our ability to procure our energy supply in a way that helps us maintain our competitiveness and meet our budgetary needs.

More specifically, the bill outlaws the very products and services that our company relies upon to power our business. It limits our ability to secure supply offers longer than 12 months. It restricts the way those products can be priced by artificially capping prices at the 12 month historical average SOS rate. It bans variable pricing. It prevents us from entering contracts that automatically renew.

In conclusion, SB1 would significantly harm our business and effectively end customer choice for Maryland customers like us, and for that reason P. Flanigan and Sons urges the Committee to give SB 1 an unfavorable report.

Brian Russell

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