



February 12, 2024

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

**Support: HB 323 – Commission on Climate Change PSC Membership**

Dear, Chair Korman and Committee Members:

On behalf of the NAIOP Maryland Chapters representing 700 companies involved in all aspects of commercial, industrial, and mixed-use real estate I am writing to support HB 323 which would make the Chair of the Maryland Public Service Commission a member of the Commission on Climate Change. The rationale for NAIOP's position is based on the following:

- Policies related to energy price and supply, utility infrastructure and climate mitigation are interrelated in ways that make it essential for them to be considered together.
- The Commission on Climate Change and its working groups often take up the same challenging policy questions that have been the subject of Public Service Commission work groups or cases.
- Making the Public Service Commission Chair a member of the Commission on Climate Change will make it easier for the two organizations to arrive at coordinated and well-informed climate mitigation strategies.

**For these reasons, NAIOP respectfully requests your favorable report on HB 323.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T.M. Ballentine".

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy  
NAIOP – Maryland Chapters, *The Association for Commercial Real Estate*

cc: Environment and Transportation Committee Members  
Nick Manis – Manis, Canning Assoc.