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**Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates**

**Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Maryland Senate**

**HB 1037 & SB 909
Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act**

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Dear Chair Wilson, Chair Feldman, and esteemed members of the Economic Matters and Education, Energy, and the Environment Committees:

Advanced Energy United is an industry association that represents companies operating in the clean energy space. Our mission is to accelerate the transition to a 100% clean energy economy that is free from fossil fuels. Our members represent the full suite of technologies that are powering this transition. They include, but are not limited to, companies which manufacture, install, and maintain batteries and solar panels, as well as wind turbines, geothermal systems, EVs, EV chargers, and smart grid technologies.

We support this bill. Better planning will allow our state to meet energy demand and keep our grid reliable in the most cost-effective way possible, and as quickly as possible. Empowering the State to do this work will yield the most impartial data. This bill will require the State to comprehensively study the entire energy system: generation, transmission, distribution, and storage. This bill's integrated approach is necessary for our entire system

to be upgraded and to operate as efficiently as possible. In particular, we value the inclusion of studying energy storage and reconductoring.

Establishing an Integrated Resource Planning Office will protect ratepayers while allowing our State to meet our energy needs and goals in the most thoughtful, deliberate way possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

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