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TESTIMONY ON HB#/1037 – FAVORABLE
Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act

TO: Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and members of the Economic Matters Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1037, Energy Resource Adequacy and Planning Act

This bill is an environmental protection measure that seeks to create a body to examine and project the energy needs for Maryland. It will do modeling and force electric companies to provide to Maryland integrated resource plans that can guide the Public Service Commission decision making through reference to those plans.

This bill will permit the development of expertise in energy need forecasting by establishing the Integrated Resource Planning Office in the Public Service Commission. The mission of that office will be met by requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Energy Forecast and conduct a certain study to support the development of the Forecast. The process they will utilize is mandated through a requirement that the Office, in consultation with the Commission and the Maryland Energy Administration, complete certain energy modeling. The end product of this work will be satisfied by requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Office, to adopt regulations requiring each electric company to develop a certain integrated resource plan.

Without a plan Maryland would likely fail to properly and adequately allocate resources for the energy needs in the state.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1037.