

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

FROM: MEA

**SUBJECT:** HB 1329 - Public Utilities - Energy Generation and Transmission

**DATE:** February 20, 2025

## **MEA Position: LETTER OF INFORMATION**

House Bill 1329 seeks to affirm the authority to construct, permit, and operate energy-generating systems fueled by natural gas in the State.

Maryland has no law preventing the construction of natural gas facilities or any type of energy generation. Given that Maryland's regulatory structure already provides a pathway for this development, this bill is unnecessary.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Megan Outten, Policy manager, at megan.outten@maryland.gov or 443.842.1780.