



Economic Matters Committee

To: Delegate CT Wilson, Char; Delegate Brian Crosby, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee
From: Jason Ascher, Political Director – Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

SUPPORT HB 1036 with Amendment - Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act)

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association and our five United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Locals, which represent over 10,000 Plumbers, Steamfitters, Welders, HVAC Techs, and Sprinkler Fitters across Maryland, I ask you to **SUPPORT HB 1036**.

Getting Maryland to a stronger energy future require a reliable grid powered by locally generated energy that is affordable to Maryland residents. We need an all the above energy approach to reach this goal. From Wind and Solar, to Natural Gas and Nuclear, everything needs to be on the table because otherwise we artificially inflate prices. A robust energy generation not only creates a reliable grid, but good job building and maintaining these systems.

We are in support of the approach advanced by Constellation Energy. A competitive, market-based energy solution that leverages private investment, technological innovation, and job growth. Maryland should expand proven competitive procurement models that have already delivered lower energy costs and greater efficiency instead of forcing utilities back into generation. Constellation's market-driven approach ensures that Maryland's energy cost-effective, competitive, and sustainable, and doesn't disrupt existing energy markets or placing unnecessary financial burdens on ratepayers. Any study conducted by the PSC should include this perspective rather than focusing solely on utility-controlled generation partnerships.

For the above reasons, we ask that you give **HB 1036 a favorable with amendment Report**.

Sincerely

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