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HB 505 / SB 434 – THE ENERGIZE MARYLAND ACT

BEFORE THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AND HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

FAVORABLE

Chairs Feldman and Wilson, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Ryan Marshall, and I am an organizer and proud Union Ironworker with Local 5. I joined the trade in 2016 at the age of 26 with no prior experience. At the time, I was a single father with full custody of my young son. Becoming an Ironworker gave me the opportunity to build a stable career, purchase a home, and advance through the ranks to the position of foreman, contributing to major projects such as the MGM Casino and Hotel, the DC Wharf, and City Center. The training I received as an apprentice and the experience I gained as a journeyman have made a profound difference in my life and my family's future.

I am here today in strong support of the ENERGIZE Maryland Act because this legislation will help provide similar opportunities to other working families. Ironworkers Local 5 has been deeply involved in building and maintaining critical infrastructure in Maryland for decades. Our work at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant dates back to the 1970s when our union helped construct the original reactors. Since then, we have performed annual maintenance and essential upgrades, ensuring long-term, sustainable work for our members and providing countless hours of apprenticeship training.

In addition to our work in nuclear energy, Local 5 has played a key role in Maryland's growing offshore wind industry. At Sparrows Point in Baltimore, our members have fabricated components for offshore wind projects, reinforcing Maryland's position as a leader in clean energy manufacturing. Furthermore, our apprenticeship facility in Prince George's County, now Global Wind Organization (GWO) Certified, has trained and certified Ironworkers and other tradespeople to support offshore wind projects along the East Coast. Offshore wind has created premier opportunities for our industry, and

Ironworkers Local 5 is at the forefront of workforce development for both Maryland and the broader region.

For these reasons, Ironworkers Local 5 urges a favorable report on HB 505 / SB 434.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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