



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 with amendment HB 1035 - Public Utilities - Electricity Generation Planning - Procurement, Permitting, and Co-Location (Next Generation Energy 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 1035 with Amendment.**

Increasing energy production is vital for ensuring reliable grid. With the push to eliminate fossil fuels, which provide the most reliable energy we are putting our regional grid in danger. While we support and all the above approach to energy generation (as long as it's built UNION). Wind and solar are not ready to take center stage in our energy production repertoire, because there is a lot of construction that needs to be done for that to happen. Nuclear and Natural Gas create enough electron to start to replace other fossil fuel generation that has already been closed, though it takes time to get online as well so the development process needs to start quickly.

HB 1035 not only creates a path for development of new Nuclear and Natural gas to create a reliable grid, but includes excellent standard to protect ratepayers, workers, and ensure diversity in the industry.

For the above reasons, we ask that you give **HB 1035 a favorable Report with amendment.**

Sincerely

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