

March 4, 2025

Senator Brian J. Feldman Chair, Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Feldman and members of the Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee,

This letter is to support SB 675, Public Service Commission – Full Costs and Benefits Analysis of Sources of Electricity Generation.

On behalf of the 700 members of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, we are in full support of this Bill. Energy costs in Maryland have skyrocketed, placing another financial burden on businesses to make ends meet. In particular, our small businesses have really felt the rising costs of energy which is having repercussions on their ability to hire new staff, expand their small business and contribute to the growth of Maryland's economy.

Requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct an analysis looking for the full costs and benefits of a variety of energy sources currently in generation in Maryland. It is of the utmost importance that the results of this analysis lead to policy changes to support the generation of energy sources that result in lower costs to produce with the greatest benefits to all Maryland ratepayers.

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce urges a favorable report on SB 675.

Respectfully,

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SALISBURY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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