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Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

SB 0037
Utility Transparency and Accountability Act
Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester

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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and esteemed members of the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee:

Advanced Energy United is an industry association that represents companies operating in the clean energy space. Our mission is to accelerate the transition to a 100% clean energy economy.

SB 0037 will require electric companies' votes at PJM to be made public. PJM, as our regional transmission organization in Maryland, is a critical partner in bringing more energy online, and building transmission, to ensure that the entire PJM region, including Maryland, is able to meet our region's growing demand for energy.

As the largest regional transmission organization in the United States, PJM has an incredible challenge before it -- managing the constituencies of thirteen states plus the District of Columbia is not an easy task. From Advanced Energy United's perspective, PJM has hit speed bumps that have slowed down the process in bringing new energy generation online, particularly renewable energy and battery storage in the interconnection queue.

In our view, increasing transparency in the decision-making process at PJM will enhance the State's and other stakeholders' relationships with PJM, and facilitate more effective partnerships and cooperation that will help us work together more efficiently to bring more renewable energy and battery storage online, faster.

We respectfully request the Committee issue a favorable report. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

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