

We, the Waterman's Association of Worcester County, are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 675, which aims to establish a ratepayer-first energy policy in Maryland by requiring a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of electricity resources. This bill provides much-needed light on what matters most to Maryland residents: electricity service that is both reliable and affordable.

As Maryland transitions towards renewable energy sources and greater electrification, it is imperative that policymakers prioritize the affordability and reliability of our energy grid. Attempts by state lawmakers to pick winners and losers in the electricity generation sector will inevitably lead to higher costs for ratepayers.

Senate Bill 675 offers a commonsense approach. By requiring the Public Service Commission (PSC) to conduct a thorough analysis of the full costs and benefits of various electricity generation sources within the state, this bill ensures that the data necessary for informed decision-making is available. This would allow the PSC to recommend policy changes specifically designed to support the development of energy sources based on the lowest cost and greatest benefit to Maryland's ratepayers.

Understanding the impact of different energy sources on ratepayers is fundamental to responsible governance. This bipartisan bill empowers our lawmakers with the knowledge to make sound policy decisions that balance environmental goals with economic realities.

I believe that Senate Bill 675 is a crucial step towards securing a sustainable and affordable energy future for Maryland. It is essential to ensure a reliable and affordable energy supply for all Marylanders.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to support Senate Bill 675 and prioritize the needs of Maryland ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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