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## Education Energy and Environment Committee

**To:** Senator Brian Feldman, Chair; Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee

**From:** Jason Ascher, Political Director – Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

### **SUPPORT SB 716 - Public Utilities - Nuclear Energy - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Procurement (Decarbonization Infrastructure Solutions Act of 2025)**

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 SB 716**.

Nuclear must be part of the mix to reach the renewable energy goal set over the last few years. No other source will provide enough electrons to ensure a reliable grid. Along with coal and natural gas, nuclear energy is the only generation source that can provide enough energy to reach our goals. Between a full-scale nuclear reactor and SMRs, Maryland could build enough infrastructure to replace fossil fuels and provide clean and renewable energy sources while increasing our energy independence. Adding nuclear energy to the RPS would help incentivize the industry growth needed for our clean energy future. Nuclear will also provide good-paying union jobs, building and maintaining the system.

For the above reasons, we ask that you give **SB 716**.

Sincerely

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**Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110** – Norfolk, VA  
**Road Sprinkler Fitters Local 669** – Columbia, MD

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**Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 489** – Cumberland, MD  
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