



**Bill:** SB 807- Environment – Local Building Energy Performance Standards – Authorization

**Position:** OPPOSE

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Energy Solutions, Inc. (MCIES) is a coalition of diverse stakeholders, including representatives from organized labor, manufacturing, energy production, transportation, and public utilities. Together, we are advocating for the inclusivity of all energy types, including natural gas, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, propane, and nuclear power. MCIES opposes SB 807.

Authorizing county governments to implement up to 24 different and possibly more onerous BEPS regulations will increase costs on all Marylanders, cause significant confusion for building owners and operators including those trying to provide affordable housing, and creates more regulatory and financial burdens on building owners creating additional disincentives to invest in Maryland. This legislation also does not protect Marylanders from rising costs.

The MDE's own estimate of economic impact in the final state regulations calculate covered building owners will spend more than \$5.7 billion on efficiency and electrification measures to achieve \$1.2 billion in energy cost savings without an Energy Use Intensity (EUI) standard. Those estimates climb to more than \$15 billion to be spent on efficiency and electrification measures to provide approximately \$9 billion in energy savings with the addition of EUI standards.

Furthermore, MDE's economic impact study was done prior to the July 30, 2024, PJM Interconnection power market auction, which produced a \$269.92/MW-day price for most of the PJM footprint, compared to \$28.92/MW-day for the prior auction (a more than 800% increase).

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you oppose SB 807.

Sincerely,

Sarah Peters  
Executive Director