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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
The Honorable Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Testimony of Ray Baker, Maryland Director, Baltimore-DC Building Trades
on SB 716: Public Utilities - Nuclear Energy - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Procurement
(Decarbonization Infrastructure Solutions Act of 2025)
Position: FAVORABLE**

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee for the opportunity to offer testimony on SB 716.

My name is Ray Baker. I am the Maryland Director of the Baltimore-DC Building Trades (BDCBT). The BDCBT's 28 affiliates represent more than 30,000 union construction workers across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The BDCBT supports SB 716 because it promotes nuclear power generation in Maryland. What we especially appreciate is that the bill mandates the labor standards as well as local and minority business opportunities. In particular, the labor standards will ensure that any nuclear energy generation construction project produces quality jobs for Maryland residents and is delivered on time and on budget for Maryland ratepayers.

The BDCBT understands that a number of bills that support the production of nuclear energy have been introduced this legislative session, and that the committee will be tasked with preparing a comprehensive approach. Toward that goal, the BDCBT urges the committee to issue a favorable report on SB 716.

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