

I am writing in strong support of this legislation, which is, I believe, long overdue. As a matter of fact, I am astonished that it is not already law.

Utility bills are a fact of life for all Maryland families, and for many families, are a major budget item. Many families recently experienced an incredible increase in electricity bills - some by as much as 100%. That is just crazy and is something I have never heard of.

The Maryland Public Service Commission is funded by Maryland taxpayers and is therefore answerable to said taxpayers. It just stands to reason that when the PSC is considering electricity, the first and foremost criteria should be the reliability of the different sources of electricity followed closely by the cost of each.

Thank you for your consideration.