



Bill: SB 479/HB 1414- Building Energy Performance Standards – Public Safety, Emergency, and Public Utility Buildings – Exclusion

Position: Support

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. Please accept this letter in support to SB 479/HB 1414.

This legislation represents a critical step toward ensuring that compliance with environmental policies is both economically feasible and practically achievable. Since May of 2023, stakeholders across Maryland have been engaged on and concerned with the costly financial impact of the BEPS regulations.

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). These significant costs are why we support this bill and understand the inability to comply with the BEPS standards and the need to exempt public safety, emergency, and utility buildings. We heard it from impacted stakeholders. Though, instead of exempting all those unable to meet the requirements and potentially jeopardizing reliability of certain energy sources, we strongly encourage MDE to revisit BEPS.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you support SB 479/HB 1414.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director