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

From: Christopher Anderson, Business Agent, Plumbers and Steamfitter Local 486

Support SB 643 - Public Utilities – Energy Generation

On behalf of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486, I am writing to express our strong support for Maryland Senate Bill 643. This important piece of legislation represents a critical step toward improving the infrastructure and economic development in our state. We believe that SB 643 will have a positive impact on the workforce, businesses, and communities across Maryland.

Only 40% of the power that is used in our state comes from power plants within Maryland. That means that Marylanders rely on the states around us to keep our lights on. By Building Natural Gas energy generation plants in our state, we are not only creating good middle-class jobs but also, we would be developing stronger energy infrastructure in our state. Furthermore, the General Assembly's support for additional nuclear energy is yet another push in the right direction for good clean energy. The provisions outlined in the bill will provide opportunities for Maryland workers, including plumbers, steamfitters, and other tradespeople, to be a part of the projects that will shape our state's future.

Specifically, SB 643 will contribute to the creation of jobs, providing stable and well-paying positions for the hardworking members of Local 486. We strongly support the bill's provisions that will promote the development of energy infrastructure and encourage the utilization of qualified, unionized labor, ensuring that workers are provided with the necessary skills and protections to succeed in these projects.

We urge the committee to consider the positive impact this bill will have on Maryland's economy and workforce. SB 643 is an investment in our state's future, and the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 are proud to support it.

Sincerely,

Christopher Anderson