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SB 947 – Maryland Co-Location Energy Innovation and Reliability Act

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and member of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

Senate Bill 947 would require the PSC to adopt regulations and provide a framework for energy generation facilities not interconnected with the electric transmission or distribution system. This would promote energy independence, reliability, and environmental responsibility while ensuring fairness to ratepayers and alignment of State energy goals.

Maryland currently imports 40% of its electric power from outside of the State.¹ Data centers are among the most energy-intensive facilities in modern society, consuming enormous amounts of electricity to support cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and online services. We see this with the current MPRP project which will cut through Maryland farmland and drive-up costs for local ratepayers – all without providing any additional electricity to Maryland consumers.

Senate Bill 947 offers a solution to the unchecked growth driven by corporation data centers and AI. I respectfully request a favorable on SB 947.

¹ [MEA Interim Carbon Free Electricity Report v2 MEA Comms](#)