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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0902: Environment - Coal Combustion By-Products - Fees, Coordinating Committee, and Regulations

Dear Delegates,

We oppose and respectfully request that you vote unfavorably on this bill.

We support Delegate Chisholm's logic on this issue:

"It will add a new tax on businesses like Brandon Shores, which will burden consumers who are already paying high energy costs, with potential higher utility bills from transmission upgrades to import energy from Pennsylvania."

Retiring older power plants before enough other energy sources to compensate and exceed their power output is just bad for Maryland citizens. It is wreck less, irresponsible, stupid and unnecessary and is happening in a way that eliminates a smooth transition for the clean energy mandates that are further costing citizens substantial increases on their monthly energy bills.

These bills, that promote these policies, are harming us, not helping us, and all for an agenda that a small margin of Marylanders want. We believe that these clean energy legislations are being pushed on us from climate zealots at the federal level and special interest groups.

WHO IS BEHIND THESE BILLS? ARE THEY REQUESTS FROM MARYLAND CITIZENS? If not, then outside groups and federal agencies pushing the "clean/green agenda", WHO DON'T HAVE A STAKE IN OUR STATE, (except perhaps to line their own pockets?) should not be influencing Maryland legislators.

We expect you to PUT MARYLANDERS FIRST and vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers