

Good afternoon members of the E&T Committee.

My name is Mimi Schwarz, a concerned citizen here to testify in support of HB1451.

MD residents are at the edge of their financial abilities, struggling under big tax increases and rising costs--many of which are because of strict mandates, like the CSNA. We can't afford to stay and we don't want to leave-- although many are. MD is the 4th highest exit state. Many are barely making ends meet, but the legislators seem bent on increasing taxes and having mandates that will increase our cost of living.

The CSNA--we don't even know how it can be done, but we're pushing forward, regardless of how it hurts Marylanders.

Our aggressive climate goals have affected the **reliability** of the energy we produce, and now Maryland is losing **local** energy generation. So we'll need to import more energy, causing rate payers to pay for the installation of new transmission lines all the way from Peach Bottom.

Does that make sense? And having our energy travel so far--isn't that risky for outages? BWI was closed for 4 hrs due to a downed power line!

Plants are closing because they can't afford to produce due to stringent regulations--but our demand is going up. You KNOW what that does to prices. and now consumers will be paying more for Brandon Shores fuel because we have to pay them to stay open! Local governments will likely need to increase taxes in order to implement the state's requirements. And when buildings have to retrofit, that will mean higher costs for the low income housing renter, Walmart shopper, and grocery store shopper.

Amend CSNA adding "to the extent economically practicable"

Thank you and please give HB1451 a favorable report.