

**SENATE BILL 840 MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – ELECTRICITY GENERATING  
FACILITIES – SITE PLANNING)  
FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

**EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
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The Energy Artisans submit these comments in **Favorable with Amendments to SB 840 – Maryland Stadium Authority – Electricity Generating Facilities – Site Planning.**

Energy Artisans is an established membership organization formed in 2017 that is comprised of industry experts to serve various client needs. The group is anchored by individuals who have decades of energy market experience in general purchasing, wholesale and behind-the-meter power plant development and operation, as well as bulk and retail energy delivery, fuel purchasing and delivery, efficiency measures, and direct participation at the membership and stakeholder level in PJM.

We support this legislation with amendments outlined herein. We suggest that **no further studies are conducted – we need immediate action** towards developing Maryland’s in-state generation.

Per this Bill, the Power Plant Research Program must identify 5 to 10 sites suitable for rapid development by October, 2027. Lead times for new generation are currently in the 6-year range including PJM and fuel interconnection; however, such plants could be strategically located to moderate energy and capacity costs for all MD consumers. Such developments require group effort, and MD has the core resources necessary to pursue this type of development. We need a Power Authority (similar to NYPA in NYISO) to initially lead large new generation development rather than waiting for others to solve our problems. We need to move with a purpose. As such, we support Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) acting as the Maryland Power Authority and developing sites with appropriate site control suitable for at least 1,000 MW of in-state generation by the **end of this calendar year.**

Senate Bill 840 with these suggested amendments would not only rapidly increase Maryland’s in-state generation but will also provide a market-driven alternative to utility builds. Per **Article 41** of the **Maryland Constitution**, *“That Monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of a free government and the principles of commerce, and ought not be suffered”.*

Energy Artisans urges the Committee to **approve SB 840 with amendments** suggested for the reasons stated herein.



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