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Hon. Brian Feldman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Maryland Senate

Re: Maryland Stadium Authority- Electricity Generating Facilities- Site Planning

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Partnership, I am writing to express our support of [SB 840](#), as it is intended to establish a coordinated process to identify and evaluate sites capable of supporting large-scale new electricity generation to meet Maryland's growing energy demand. By directing entities to recommend and conduct feasibility studies on suitable locations, the bill promotes proactive planning that considers reliability, cost, and environmental performance before major investments advance. This approach helps ensure that future generation resources align with grid capacity, maintain competitive electricity prices, and support long-term economic growth while advancing the State's energy goals.

The Partnership is a nonprofit alliance of nearly 50 leading corporate, university, and nonprofit employers across Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia committed to advancing the region's economic growth. Our member organizations support approximately 647,000 jobs through their economic activity, and we leverage our collective resources to identify shared challenges and advance solutions related to workforce development, infrastructure, and regional competitiveness.

In November, the Partnership convened an Energy Infrastructure Roundtable that brought together public and private sector energy stakeholders to examine how regional infrastructure systems can support long-term economic growth. A central takeaway from that discussion was the need for earlier coordination and a more proactive, data-driven approach to planning for future electricity demand, including identifying where significant new generation could be sited. The coordinated site identification and feasibility study process established by this bill directly responds to that need by creating a structured framework to evaluate high-capacity generation locations in advance, ensuring state leaders have clear, actionable analysis on reliability, cost, and environmental considerations before major investment decisions are made.

Ensuring a reliable, affordable, and resilient electric system is essential to Maryland's long-term economic growth and competitiveness. By establishing a coordinated process to identify and rigorously evaluate sites capable of supporting large-scale new generation, SB 840 promotes proactive, cost-effective planning to meet rising electricity demand. This forward-looking framework strengthens grid reliability, supports competitive energy prices, and aligns future generation investments with environmental and economic objectives. For these reasons, the Partnership respectfully urges a favorable report on SB 840 and appreciates your leadership in positioning Maryland for long-term energy and economic success.

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