

HB0870 Crossover Bill RichardKaplowitz FAV

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TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL HB#0870- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Maryland Building Performance Standards - Energy Conservation Requirements (Large Buildings for Tomorrow Act)

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

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of crossover bill HB#0870, Maryland Building Performance Standards - Energy Conservation Requirements (Large Buildings for Tomorrow Act)

This bill establishes for Maryland enforcement of standards of building construction in ways that protect our environment. Under this bill the new construction of a covered building that is subject to performance standards established by the Department of the Environment ... on or before October 1, 2028, as part of the standards, the department shall adopt regulations establishing energy conservation requirements for covered buildings.

... in developing the regulations, the department shall:

adopt provisions that require:

- predicted annual net direct greenhouse gas emissions of zero
- predicted annual site energy use intensity performance targets, as determined by the Department of the Environment

This bill will require the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, by October 1, 2028, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, energy conservation requirements for the new construction of buildings that are subject to the Building Energy Performance Standards adopted by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on crossover bill HB#0870.