

Testimony For HB0974

Honorable Delegates

Please enter a favorable report for HB0974.

I support

- Repealing the authorization of the Public Service Commission to license certain energy salespersons;
- altering the amount of a certain assessment charged to a certain public service company;
- changing the name of the Education and Protection Fund to the Retail Choice Customer Education and Protection Fund;
- modifying the purpose and uses of the Fund; and
- altering the scope of a certain training and educational program developed by the Commission

Until recently, I had a contract with an electric supplier other than BG&E and paid less than what BG&E was charging. I then received a letter from that company stating that because of a recent law change by the Maryland Assembly, it must terminate my contract. Consequently, I was forced to receive my electricity at a higher rate from the only electric provider that remained, BG&E.

By ending competition and creating a monopoly, the General Assembly has ensured that all Marylanders must pay higher gas and electric fees. You can undo this mistake by passing this bill entitled the Freedom from Monopolies Act.

So please enter a favorable report for HB0974.

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