



CECIL COUNTY CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

Jack Schammel, CEO

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February 25, 2026

Chair Marc Korman & Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee
120 Taylor House Office Building
121 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: House Bill 958 – Natural Gas – Connection and Line Extension – Discounts and Payment Plans

Chair Korman & Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee,

The Cecil County Chamber of Commerce, representing over 426 businesses and organizations in Cecil County, is writing to express our support regarding the proposed legislation, ***HB 958 Natural Gas – Connection and Line Extension – Discounts and Payment Plans***. Our Government Relations Committee, comprised of Chamber members who monitor and provide testimony on pending legislation, has reviewed this bill. We request a **FAVORABLE** opinion.

This proposed legislation will ensure that citizens and our Chamber members' businesses who seek alternatives to escalating energy costs are not penalized for considering the installation of natural gas infrastructure. The inflationary increases for energy are historic and causing significant financial stress for businesses and citizens.

We thank you for considering our position on this legislation. We request a **FAVORABLE** opinion on **HB958**. Please feel free to contact our Government Relations Committee through Jessica Worley at jworley@cecilchamber.com (410-392-3833) for additional information regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Cecil County Chamber of Commerce
Government Relations Committee