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TESTIMONY ON HB#0870- POSITION: FAVORABLE

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

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Environment and Transportation 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 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 HB#0870.