

Testimony on House Bill –Unfavorable

HB1561 Electricity Generation and Storage – Investor-Owned Electric Companies and Front-of-the-Meter Storage (Affordability Energy Act)

Environment and Transportation Committee

March 6, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gita Lefstein, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in opposition to HB1561.

This bill is an attempt by BGE and other Exelon-owned utilities to control electricity from generation all the way to the customer. Exelon has a track record. It is not interested in affordable energy. It is interested in providing profits for its investors. David Lapp, of the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel, has pointed out clearly that while the bill talks about clean energy sources, the wording leaves open the door to building more fossil fuel generation. If we want to make energy affordable, we need to make sure that independent companies are able to build solar, wind, and battery generation and storage and connect to the grid. We do not need to guarantee Exelon investors a return for their investment.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue an **unfavorable report** on **HB1561**.

Thank you.