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TO: HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

RE: H.B. 958- NATURAL GAS- CONNECTION AND LINE EXTENSION  
DISCOUNTS AND PLAYMENT PLANS

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Metro Chapter respectfully submits this testimony in support of HB 958. Our organization represents general contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, and construction-related businesses operating across the Washington metropolitan region. ABC members deliver a substantial share of Maryland’s commercial, institutional, and mixed-use construction, and our industry depends on clear and consistent infrastructure policy to keep projects on schedule and financially feasible.

Current Public Service Commission proposals over line extension allowances would create unnecessary regulatory barriers driving up costs for builders, developers, and the broader business community. HB 958 provides an important safeguard against regulatory shifts that would negatively impact housing supply, commercial investment, and local job creation.

Our members are committed to building safe, efficient, and high-quality projects that meet the needs of Maryland’s growing communities. Natural gas infrastructure remains a critical component in many large-scale development and redevelopment efforts. For the builders, developers, and contractors who deliver these projects, policies must thoughtfully integrate energy affordability, reliability, and consumer choice to ensure they can operate effectively and continue serving Marylanders.

For these reasons, ABC Metro Chapter respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 958. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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