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**Chairman Marc Korman  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
231 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

**RE: House Bill 970 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Nuclear Energy and Renaming**

Constellation is the nation's largest producer of carbon-free electricity and the largest owner and operator of nuclear energy assets in the United States. We are proud to operate the Calvert Cliffs Clean Energy Center, Maryland's only nuclear facility and one of the State's most critical clean energy resources. Headquartered in Baltimore, Constellation has a long-standing commitment to Maryland's climate goals, workforce, and economy.

House Bill 970 modernizes Maryland's energy policy by recognizing nuclear energy as an eligible clean energy resource and renaming the Renewable Portfolio Standard as the Clean Energy Portfolio Standard (CEPS). This change strengthens—not weakens—Maryland's commitment to achieving 100 percent clean electricity by aligning policy with the physical realities of the electric grid and the urgency of the State's climate goals.

Nuclear energy is the single largest source of carbon-free electricity in Maryland, accounting for approximately three-quarters of the State's carbon-free generation. Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 have consistently operated at capacity factors exceeding 90 percent, demonstrating how nuclear plants provide reliable, emissions-free electricity around the clock for 80 years or more.

Achieving Maryland's climate goals requires a diverse portfolio of zero-emission resources that balances environmental progress with reliability and affordability. House Bill 970 reflects that balance and aligns clean energy policy with real-world system needs.

For these reasons, Constellation respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 970.

Respectfully submitted,

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