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HB119.Pavlak.FWA – MCEC Energy performance contracts

As a former MCEC director (2014-2018), I offer three amendments, one to the substance of the bill, the other two to improve the structure of MCEC.

1. STAGE THE FUNDING – Authorize \$750k for 4 Navigators for FY 2027. MCEC can request additional funding for following years, pending the performance of the program
2. STRENGTHEN THE MCEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS – The existing 4-year term limit results in a weak and inefficient Board of Directors. A new director, with no government experience, is confronted with a steep learning curve. By the time they are comfortable with how things work their term is over. I suggest extending the term limit to 6 years and encouraging the Governor to reappoint effective directors.
3. REBRAND MCEC TO EXPLICITLY INCLUDE NUCLEAR POWER – As the realities of intermittent generation become apparent, many States along with the rest of the world are turning towards nuclear power. MCEC remains an “anything but nuclear” organization with little attention given to nuclear programs. Maryland is falling behind.

