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February 24, 2026

The Honorable Delegate Marc Korman
Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Support for House Bill 958 – Natural Gas – Connection and Line Extension – Discounts and Payment Plans

Dear Delegate Korman and Committee Members:


This letter is in support of House Bill 958, which ensures that public service companies are permitted to offer discounts and payment plans for the connection or extension of natural gas lines to customer properties.

Access to reliable and affordable energy is critical for residents, small businesses, and local industries throughout Wicomico County and across Maryland's rural communities. The ability for utilities to provide flexible payment options or discounted connection fees can make natural gas service attainable for families and businesses who might otherwise be unable to afford these upfront costs. Providing this flexibility supports our County's objectives of promoting economic growth, enhancing energy affordability, and preserving consumer choice.

The Wicomico County Council respectfully urges a favorable report on House Bill 958.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND


John T. Cannon, Council President

cc: Wicomico County Council

Wicomico County Delegation
Wicomico County Executive
Bunky Luffman, Director of Administration