



**Maryland House of Delegates - Economic Matters Committee**

**Chair: Dereck E. Davis**  
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**House Bill 1007 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard and Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems**

**Position: Support**

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Trades Council supports HB1007. Geothermal heat pumps (GHPs), also known as ground-source heat pumps, can heat, cool, and even supply hot water to a home, commercial building, warehouse, healthcare facility or any habitable structure by transferring heat to or from the ground. This technology has been keeping consumers comfortable for more than 50 years and can cut energy bills by up to 65% compared to traditional HVAC units. This bill will expand the geothermal industry as it grows market share for our contractors, apprenticeship opportunities and employment for our membership while lowering the carbon footprint by using less energy to heat and cool our living spaces.

We urge the Committee for a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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