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## Written Testimony of

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Before the

House Economic Matters Committee On

HB 613 – Prince George's County – Coal & Gas Fired Generating Stations – Prohibitions  
(Prince George's County Stop Environmentally Unjust Coal and Gas Plants Act 2021)

## OPPOSE

February 23, 2021

Dear Chairman Davis and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony opposing HB 613.

For the record, my name is Peter Demchuk. I am a 41- year member, and the Business Manager, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 24 located in Baltimore. I represent approximately 2,000 hardworking, Maryland tax paying electricians. I am a lifelong resident of Maryland and reside in District 7 of Baltimore County.

We at the IBEW are in favor of an "All of the Above" approach to energy production. While we find the allure of clean energy production promising, the infrastructure is not in place to produce the amount of energy we need as a State. What happened in Texas over the past week is evidence showing the advantages of having different types of energy production.

This bill doesn't address the issue of energy production in nearby counties and States. All it does is weaken Prince George's economy by sending these good paying jobs out of the region. Maryland currently uses more energy than it produces and we are already getting energy from other States with far less stringent environmental protections. Instead of being hypocrites, outsourcing energy produced by gas and coal while

still benefitting from using it, we should be investing in green infrastructure **now** so we can make the transition when the time comes.

We want to lead on clean energy production **and** usage. This bill does nothing to address the latter while pretending to address the former. That is why I'm asking you to give HB 613 an **unfavorable** report

Thank you,



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