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Written Testimony of

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Before the Senate Finance Committee On

SB 583 Public Utilities – Investor-Owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage

Support

February 15, 2024

Madame Chair Beidle and Committee Members,

My name is Rico Albacarys and I am a member and employee of IBEW Local 24, in Baltimore. I am writing to express my strong **support** for **Senate Bill 583**, which requires family-sustaining wages and apprenticeship standards for investor-owned utility construction of electrical transmission lines.

As someone who cares deeply about the well-being of workers and the future of our communities, I believe that this bill is crucial in ensuring that good, family-sustaining jobs are created and maintained in the electrical transmission sector. It is important that we incentivize businesses to create quality jobs that pay fair wages and provide opportunities for workers to advance and improve their skills. In addition, this bill will help to ensure that our communities benefit from well-trained and skilled workers in this important field. I believe that this will lead to improved safety, increased efficiency, and a more reliable electrical grid for all.

I respectfully request that you vote **favorably** on **Senate Bill 583** and help create a better future for our state.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys

Assistant Business Agent IBEW Local 24