



MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON
(MCAMW) TESTIMONY

CB 13-22, COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION

POSITION: OPPOSE / UNFAVORABLE

Dear Members of the Council:

On behalf of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington (MCAMW) I write in strong opposition to CB13-22.

Established in 1889, the MCAMW represents 180 construction contractors, some 10,000 workers, and 1,000 working apprentices throughout the District of Columbia, and its Maryland and Virginia suburbs. In addition to our substantial contractor base, we are committed to providing new programs in education, safety, and training for plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration.

Our economic footprint throughout the region is substantial, generating some \$2 BILLION in annual revenue, and some \$500 MILLION in state, federal and local taxes each and every year.

We embrace the values of social, economic and corporate responsibility, and we share many of the concerns addressed in the ongoing climate change dialogue. However, we believe that CB13-22 is misguided because it fails to address the need for a diverse and robust energy portfolio, necessary to maintain stability in the grid and rates for those in the commercial and residential sectors.

In addition, while the need for cleaner energy sources and reduced emissions is without question, this legislation fails to address the primary energy generation sources that drive electrification within the PJM market: coal and natural gas. In fact, of the 96,463 MW of overall electricity generation within the PJM market, some 22,305 MW is from coal, and 35,210 MW is from natural gas, collectively representing more than half of all PJM energy generation sources.

If the goal of this Council is an overall reduction in carbon within the PJM portfolio, the Council should embrace the expansion of clean carbon-free nuclear, which currently represents roughly one third (32,565 MW) of the overall PJM generation sources.

Lastly, this Council and Executive have already made substantial investments in reforming Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS), including recent legislation to invest nearly \$20 million annually in the County's Green Bank for energy efficiency upgrades, expanding the County's green buildings property tax credit and the County's commercial property-assessed clean energy (CPACE) program.

For these reasons, we oppose CB 13-22, and ask that it be given an unfavorable vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Bello', with a stylized, cursive script.

Thomas L. Bello

Executive Vice President