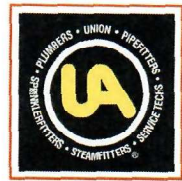




PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION NO.5

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. AFL-CIO

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CB 13-22, COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION
POSITION: OPPOSE / UNFAVORABLE

Dear County Executive Elrich and Members of the Council:

On behalf of UA Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 5, I write in strong opposition to CB13-22.

This legislation recklessly targets the jobs and livelihoods of our members, including hundreds of working apprentices, some of whom have found re-entry second chances through our outstanding training programming, and the hundreds of retirees who have built world-class infrastructure throughout the State of Maryland for 100 years.

This legislation also fails to address the majority energy generation sources underlying the Council's concerns: coal and natural gas. Requiring the complete electrification of county buildings, as CB13-22 begins to do, simply increases the usage of these electricity generation sources at issue. That makes no sense.

If the goal is to incentivize carbon-free sources and Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS), this Council and Executive have already made substantial progress in that regard, including legislation to invest some \$20 million annually for energy efficiency upgrades through the Green Bank, expanding the County's green buildings property tax credit, and expansion of the County's commercial property-assessed clean energy (CPACE) program.

We support an "All the Above Approach" to energy production and consumption. There is a broad range of potential outcomes for the future energy mix, and no single energy source or technology solution is sufficient to achieve sustainable climate goals pertaining to the built environment. All lower-emission sources play important roles, and the scenarios include unprecedented deployment of bioenergy, solar, wind, carbon capture and storage, and hydrogen. Fuel gases, including natural gas, are a significant part of the energy mix in these scenarios, reinforcing the need for continued investment, research, and development.

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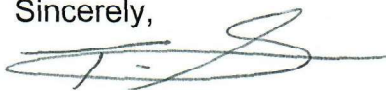
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Whether it is working in the energy sector that delivers electricity to our homes, building pipelines carrying natural gas to market, developing the rapidly expanding renewable sector, or securing the future of our nuclear facilities, the members of UA Local 5 Plumbers and Gasfitters are heavily invested in working towards securing our communities and our Nation's energy future. Strengthening these efforts is our continued commitment to advancing the interest of our members, our signatory contractors, their families, and their communities

For these reasons, we strongly oppose CB-13-22.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terriea Smalls", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Terriea "T" Smalls

Business Manager / Financial Secretary Treasurer