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**Subject: Letter of Support – Warrior Run Energy Facility Application for DE-FOA-0003605**

Dear Under Secretary,

As Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland, we write to express our strong support for AES's application under the Department of Energy's "Restoring Reliability: Coal Recommissioning and Modernization" funding opportunity (Solicitation Number: DE-FOA-0003605). The Warrior Run Energy Facility (WREF) has long been a cornerstone of our region's energy infrastructure and economic vitality.

For over two decades, Warrior Run has provided reliable power to Maryland and the PJM region, while contributing significantly to the local economy through direct employment, tax revenue, and secondary investment. The facility's clean-burning coal technology, utilizing circulating fluidized bed combustion and limestone injection, has enabled it to meet stringent air quality standards.

The proposed recommissioning of Warrior Run presents a timely and strategic opportunity to bolster grid reliability during peak demand periods. AES has indicated that the facility is in a state of readiness and could be operational within six months, requiring minimal reactivation work. Importantly, this would occur at no additional cost to Maryland ratepayers, while preserving critical Capacity Interconnection Rights (CIRs) with PJM—rights that are essential to future energy development at the site.

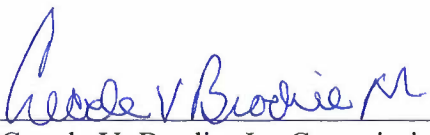
This initiative aligns with national energy reliability goals, including Executive Order #14262. Reopening Warrior Run would immediately benefit Allegany County through job creation, coal and limestone contracts with local suppliers, and renewed tax contributions. The trained workforce in our region stands ready to support this effort, and we are confident in AES's ability to execute this project responsibly and efficiently.

We respectfully urge the Department of Energy to give full consideration to AES's application. Warrior Run's recommissioning is not only a matter of energy reliability—it is a matter of economic resilience and community strength.

Sincerely,

**The Board of County Commissioners**

  
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