

Testimony in **Favor of House Bill 0061** - Environment – Statewide Green Business Certification Program – Establishment

To: Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Jerry Kickenson

Subject: Testimony in **Favor of House Bill 0061**

I am writing to the committee **in favor of House Bill 0061**.

I am a consumer keenly interested in the environmental impact of the products and services I consume, as well as the firms providing those products and services. I routinely use sources such as the [Green America Products and Services Directory](#) to guide my purchasing decisions. But these sources are national in scope, and not necessarily unbiased.

House Bill 0061 would establish a Maryland focused, and government sanctioned, process by which I could support my purchasing decisions. It would allow me to both reflect my wish to support our environment through my economic decisions, and support our local Maryland businesses.

I strongly encourage the committee to reach a favorable report on House Bill 0061.

Thank you.

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