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HB 1250

Maryland Solar Investment Tax Credit and Task Force to Study Solar Energy Incentives

**House Ways and Means Committee
House Economic Matters Committee**

Position: Support

The Maryland Catholic Conference (“Conference”) represents the public policy interests of the three Roman Catholic (arch) dioceses serving Maryland: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

House Bill 1250 allows a taxpayer to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred to install certain solar energy property; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the credit; providing for the carryforward and transfer of the credit under certain circumstances; and establishing the Task Force to Study Solar Energy Incentives and make recommendations regarding measures needed to ensure that solar development in the State creates good quality, family-sustaining jobs.

As Pope Francis has written, climate change “*represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day*” (*Laudato Si*, no. 25), threatening the wellbeing of peoples and the environment. Catholic social teaching envisions a sustainable and authentic human development, where technological solutions respect the principle of integral ecology and take into account social, economic and ecological considerations.

House Bill 1250 aims to address the much needed investment in renewable energy policies to be set to sustain and achieve a healthy global ecosystem. We encourage discussion around the components and goals outlined in this legislation and hope they are a catalyst for positive social and ecological outcomes.

The Conference appreciates your consideration and, for these reasons, respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1250.