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SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

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Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 469 with amendments. My name is Donna S. Edwards, and I am the President of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO. On behalf of Maryland's 300,000 union members, I offer the following comments.

The Maryland taxpayer is an investor in businesses throughout the State. SB 469 takes an important step forward by studying the effectiveness of the state's tax incentives and makes recommendations to the General Assembly. Just as the industry's participation is important on the task force, we believe that labor's voice is essential to this process and recommend the following amendment:

Add the following language on Page 2, Line 18: "(9) two representatives of organized labor, designated by the Maryland State & DC AFL-CIO."

For the future of green jobs, we seek amendments to SB 469.