

BALTIMORE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

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February 27, 2023

Senator and Committee Chair Brian J. Feldman
Senator and Committee Vice Chair Cheryl Kagan
Members of the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

RE: **Support** for SB0613, Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee,

We are writing in support of SB0613, the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability is a body appointed by the Mayor to oversee the creation and implementation of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan. The 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan addresses a wide range of social, economic and environmental goals for the City, and it does so through an equity lens.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability has a strong interest in the success of SB0613. Baltimore's 2019 Sustainability Plan names the expansion of funding models for renewable energy as a strategy particularly useful to the environmental health of Baltimore City. Requiring a low-income customer base for community solar can bridge the current gap in low-income community solar participation and aid in energy affordability.

We urge the Committee to support SB0613.

Sincerely,

Miriam Avins
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Co-chairs, Commission on Sustainability

Cc: Senator Benjamin Brooks