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#### WRITTEN TESTIMONY

### SB 0593 SUPPORT Condominiums – Common Elements – Clean Energy Equipment

Judicial Proceedings Committee March 7, 2023

Chair Mr. William C. Smith, Vice Chair Mr. Jeff Waldstreicher and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to testify before this Committee in regard to Senate Bill (SB) 0593, Condominiums – Common Elements – Clean Energy Equipment.

My name is Brian Haaser, and I am the President of the Board of Directors for Glen Manor Condominium and have been a member of the Board for over 14 years. Glen Manor is a small garden style condominium consisting of 32 units located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

I began my research on leasing solar panels over two years ago. The biggest obstacle we faced was complying with the current section of the Maryland Condominium Act 11-125 - Easements and Encroachments - which provides an arduous process for common ownership communities to enter into a lease agreement.

Our attorney interpreted this section as follows: 1) we could obtain the approval of 66 2/3 of the owners and their mortgagees, 2) have the Board make the decision as long as the solar project served only the owners, and with proper notice to the owners and mortgagees, or 3) enter a one-year lease and then just renew it every year for 20 years (20 years is the normal term of a solar lease).

Our attorney is concerned this section is not clear on how to deal with entering a lease for clean energy equipment since there are few legal precedents regarding this section and leased clean energy equipment.

The Glen Manor Board chose to make the decision, with notice to owners and mortgagees. The Board choose this option since it is very difficult to have 66 2/3 percent of the owners to agree to act on any topic. Also, the possibility that a mortgagee can overrule the vote of an owner makes this section even dicer to use.

It took the Board months to identify all (about a dozen) the mortgagees (lenders). None of the mortgagees responded to our written notice and none attend our video call meeting. To me it was an exercise in futility and the notice requirement would be a much more daunting task for larger common ownership communities.

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The proposed changes Section 11-125, will greatly streamline the approval process and clarify the procedures to follow for leasing clean energy equipment. In addition, remove obstacles for common ownership communities to attain local and State government goals to reduce their carbon footprint and provide a way for these communities to reduce their operating costs.

### SB0593 ZEEVIC Legislation Support Letter 2023 Sess Uploaded by: David Proctor



February 24, 2023

#### Re: Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Legislation Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) has reviewed legislation related to electric vehicles (EVs) introduced in the 2023 Legislative Session. ZEEVIC was established via legislation in 2011 and expanded in 2019 with a mission to evaluate zero emission vehicle (ZEV) ownership and charging station incentives; develop recommendations for a statewide infrastructure plan; and propose policies to promote the successful integration of EVs into Maryland's communities and transportation system. ZEEVIC's responsibilities are directly related to helping Maryland meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

ZEEVIC supports the goals of the following bills, which are generally consistent with ZEEVIC's mission and priorities:

- HB0007: Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program Renewal
   Provides a meaningful monetary incentive to individuals and various entities to install EV recharging equipment. The bill increases funding and will boost incentive access and EV adoption.
- <u>HB0101/SB0593</u>: Condominiums Common Elements Clean Energy Equipment
   Addresses some of the unique access barriers to EV adoption faced by residents of condominiums within
   the State. This bill authorizes certain condominium governing bodies to grant the installation and use of
   leased clean energy equipment, including EV chargers, on common elements.
- <u>HB0312:</u> Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program Not Subject to Inspection Fee
  Helps fund EV infrastructure development and EV sales rebates by establishing a \$14 fee collected once
  every two years from vehicles that exempt from inspections, which includes Battery Electric Vehicles
  (BEVs).
- <u>HB0550/SB0548:</u> Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)— Energy Programs Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)
   Improves the State's rebate program for installing EV recharging equipment. The bill also clarifies certain aspects of the Medium/Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant Program, including prioritization of grants to benefit low-income or environmental justice communities.
- <u>HB0830/SB0477:</u> Residential Construction or Significant Renovation Electric Vehicle Charging Supports EV readiness in homes by requiring builders to install charging equipment for EVs during new construction or significant renovation. This bill also addresses EV readiness in multi-unit residential communities by requiring at least one EV charger per 25 spaces.

• <u>HB0889</u>: Retail Service Stations - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Property Tax Credit for Service Station Conversions

Expands EV charging infrastructure at gas stations, by requiring that new gas stations be constructed with the same number of EV fast chargers as gas pumps.

ZEEVIC encourages policymakers to consider cross-cutting issues that will have an impact on the outcome of any of these bills, including sustainability of incentive funding, availability of vehicle models, and feasibility of implementation and compliance.

Additional information about ZEEVIC's legislative mandated mission and goals are available in the attached flyer. ZEEVIC's Legislative Working Group welcomes the opportunity to review these bills and we look forward to reviewing future legislative efforts regarding EVs and infrastructure. ZEEVIC member organizations may reach out separately about any specific concerns or bill nuances.

Respectfully,

Kevin George Miller

Chair, Legislative Workgroup

**ZEEVIC** 

Attachment

### **ZEEVIC Purpose and Role**



### Who created ZEEVIC?

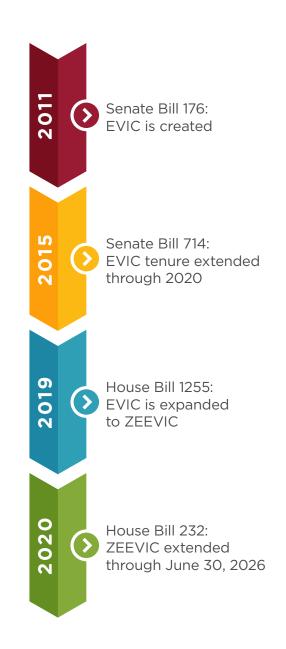
The Maryland Legislature created the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) in 2011 to address and remove barriers related to electric vehicle (EV) adoption in Maryland. In 2019, the membership, responsibilities, and reporting requirements of EVIC were expanded to include zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs). To reflect the expanded responsibilities of the council, EVIC was renamed the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC). In 2020, the membership of ZEEVIC was expanded further and the Council's sunset date was extended to 2026.

### What does ZEEVIC do?

The ZEEVIC is charged with supporting the development of:

- Policies, recommendations, and incentives that increase awareness of ZEVs, support the ownership of ZEVs, and promote investment by the private sector in ZEVs;
- Recommendations for a statewide EV charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure plan; and,
- Other potential policies to promote and facilitate the successful integration of ZEVs into Maryland's transportation network.

ZEEVIC's responsibilities support Maryland's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions goals outlined in the Climate Solutions Now Act (CSNA). The CSNA sets a goal of 60% GHG emissions reductions by 2031 and net-zero by 2045. Because transportation is the single largest GHG emissions generator in Maryland, representing over one-third of total GHG emissions, ZEVs play an integral role in helping Maryland meet the CSNA emissions reduction goal.



<sup>1</sup>Chapter 213, Acts of 2019

<sup>2</sup>House Bill 232, 2020





### Who is part of ZEEVIC?

Name	Representing
R. Earl Lewis, Jr. Deputy Secretary (Council Chair)	Maryland Department of Transportation
Hyeon-Shic Shin, PhD., Morgan State University	Academic Community; a Maryland institution of higher education with relevant expertise
Weston Young, Worcester County	Maryland Association of Counties; rural region
Vacant	Maryland Association of Counties; urban or suburban region
Nina Forsythe, City of Frostburg	Maryland Municipal League; rural region
David Edmondson, City of Frederick	Maryland Municipal League; urban or suburban region
Elvia Thompson, Annapolis Green	EV Driver Advocacy Organization
Kristy Fleischmann-Groncki, BGE Robert Stewart, PEPCO Holdings, Inc. Jeff Shaw, SMECO	Electric Companies (3)
Jason Tai, Tesla Consultant	Electric Vehicle Manufacturer
Kevin Miller	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Manufacturer
Robert Wimmer, Toyota	Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Manufacturer
Joe Alfred, Ally Power Inc.	Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Equipment Manufacturer
Steven Koerner, BP Pulse Fleet	Fleet Operators
Michael A. Wall, Clinton Electric Company	Electrical Workers
Scott Wilson, Electric Vehicle Association of D.C. Vacant	Environmental Community (2)
Paul Verchinski	Member of the public, with expertise in energy or transportation policy
Vacant	New Vehicle Dealer Association
<b>Senator Clarence K. Lam,</b> M.D., District 12 Baltimore & Howard Counties	Maryland State Senate
Delegate Tony Bridges, District 41, Baltimore City Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo, District 15, Montgomery County	Maryland House of Delegates (2)
Bihui Xu, Transportation Planning	Maryland Department of Planning
Secretary	Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary	Maryland Department of Commerce
Kevin Mosier, Wholesale Markets Liaison	Maryland Public Service Commission
David Lapp, People's Counsel	Office of People's Council
Mike Jones, Transportation Program Manager	Maryland Energy Administration

### Where can you learn more?

ZEEVIC: MDOT.Maryland.gov/ZEEVIC

MDEV: MarylandEV.org

Electric Vehicles: MDOT.Maryland.gov/EV





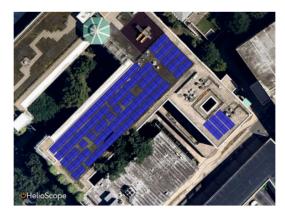
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SB0593- SUPPORT Joelle Novey, joelle.novey@gmail.com

### **Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment Judicial Proceedings Committee**

March 7, 2023

I live in the Chair's district, at Eastern Village Cohousing in Silver Spring, where we're in the process of getting 216 solar panels on the east side of our roof. But it almost wasn't so.



Tom Deyo at Montgomery County Green Bank sees countywide how many solar projects are getting delayed or killed by the Maryland Condo Act.

#### I'm here to share what it was like to have my community's solar project almost derailed by the current law.

Our volunteer solar committee secured proposals through which developers would put up solar panels at no cost to us and sell us power at a discount. To move forward in cohousing, which operates by consensus decision-making, we then undertook five months of conversations with every neighbor in 55 households to explain solar financing and address every concern. Last May, the Membership Circle came to consensus, and a task force selected a proposal to send to our board.

That's when we encountered the Maryland Condo Act – perhaps our board *wouldn't* have the authority to sign the Power Purchase Agreement after all. We might need every residential owner and **every mortgage holder** of every unit in our building to be notified and then two-thirds would have to affirmatively approve it.

We were motivated volunteers, but my heart sank.

Notifying every residential owner was more doable for us than many others, because we're an owner-occupied building and everyone had already agreed to go solar.

But figuring out who held every mortgage of every unit, figuring out how to notify those mortgage-holders in writing, and then securing two-thirds affirmative approval was going to be a bear.

I can see why this requirement kills solar projects in other condos.

Eventually, after more expensive legal advice and several months delay, our board signed a Power Purchase Agreement, and we're on our way to powering our building with sun.

Senators, you should be making clean energy easier, not harder, for Marylanders who live in condos. Without this bill, condo solar projects will continue to be scuttled by the Condo Act, by provisions that were never intended to interfere with solar leasing.

I request your favorable report for SB 593.

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**TO:** Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**FROM:** Paul Pinsky - Director, MEA

**SUBJECT:** SB 593 - Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment

**DATE:** March 7, 2023

**MEA Position: FAVORABLE** 

Senate Bill 593, <u>Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment</u> can help spur the adoption of "clean energy equipment" for multi-unit housing developments in the state.

While adoption of clean energy equipment such as solar photovoltaic installations has been generally strong in the state, penetration of clean energy equipment in multi-unit developments has faced unique challenges. This is, in part, due to a more complicated legal and procedural framework that must be navigated when installing clean energy equipment in or on a multi-unit development or its common elements.

SB 593 looks to lessen the burdens for adoption in multi-unit developments by reducing the percentage of unit owners (or representatives of owners) needed to approve development of clean energy equipment installations. Protections for unit owners, such as the ability to call for a "special meeting" regarding the grant for a clean energy equipment installation and even the ability to void the grant, remain in place.

Permitting greater access to clean energy equipment in multi-unit developments would also likely offer that access to low- and moderate-income communities and individuals that historically have not enjoyed the same opportunity to adopt clean energy equipment, nor enjoy the financial benefits thereof. MEA would note that Real Property § 11-125(f)(5)(4) may not remove the ability of a mortgagee to intervene due to other possible contractual or other legal rights held by a mortgagee.

For the forgoing reasons, MEA is asking the committee for an FAVORABLE report.

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#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

March 7, 2023

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich

County Executive

RE: Senate Bill 593, Condominiums – Common Elements – Clean Energy Equipment

Support

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 593, *Condominiums – Common Elements – Clean Energy Equipment*, which would streamline the installation of solar panels and electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment in condominium properties.

Solving the climate crisis requires us to shift to clean and renewable energy sources, and to convert many of our buildings and vehicles to run on that green electricity. All of us have roles to play and opportunities to benefit from this transition, and no one should be left behind.

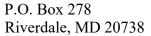
This legislation will reduce barriers that have made it hard for members of our community who live in condominiums to install solar panels and EV charging equipment where they live. By streamlining the approval process for these systems in alignment with the way other utility issues are handled, this legislation will save time for homeowners and volunteer association governing bodies without sacrificing due consideration. The end result will be an improved process that benefits all parties.

This legislation will enable residents of 42,000 condominium units in Montgomery County alone, and thousands more throughout Maryland, to more easily shift to solar and electric vehicles in alignment with state and local climate goals.

I respectfully request that the Judicial Proceedings Committee give this bill a favorable report.

cc: Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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**Committee: Judicial Proceedings** 

Testimony on: SB593 "Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment"

**Position:** Support

Hearing Date: March 7, 2023

The Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club urges a favorable report on SB593, which lowers the voting threshold for approval of easements or leases in common areas of condominiums for the installation of clean energy or efficiency measures, including electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment, and solar, geothermal or other energy efficient equipment used for heating, cooling, or lighting. Generally speaking, approval would be by majority vote instead of by a two-thirds vote. The bill also provides that mortgagees would not have the authority to block these approvals, as allowed under current law.

Maryland has approved, in the Climate Solutions Now Act, nation-leading climate goals, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2031. To achieve these goals, Maryland needs to aggressively install EV charging equipment and expand solar electricity generation, as well as invest in energy efficiency measures. This bill will make it more likely that these investments will be approved for condominium residents, thus contributing to our progress in meeting our climate goals.

SB593 makes reasonable changes to our current laws to make it more likely to see clean energy installed in the common areas of condominiums. Sierra Club Maryland urges approval of this legislation.

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### Written Testimony

SB 0593 - SUPPORT Seth Yeazel sethyeazel@yahoo.com; 386-846-3219

### SB 0593 SUPPORT Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment

Judicial Proceedings Committee March 7th, 2023

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Thank you very much for having me. First, I would like to mention that I am an electric regulatory attorney at the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and any views expressed herein are my own and do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission or the United States.

I'm speaking to you as a resident of Chevy Chase Crest, a condominium community located in Montgomery County at DC's north boundary stone, and as a supporter of Senate Bill 593. Our community has been working for over two years to install what will eventually be an approximately one megawatt rooftop solar facility, set to provide income for our community account and utility bill relief for our fellow neighbors.

This journey has lasted two years thus far, primarily because, at the 11th hour, our condominium attorney informed us that in order to enter into a solar leasing agreement with any of the local developers, the Maryland Condominium Act requires us to gain 66 and 2/3 approval from all condominium co-owners and *each of their mortgagees*. This is a problem for two reasons: first, because we only have about a fifty percent owner occupancy rate for our eighty homes and see single digit turnout for our board meetings every month; and, second, because we do not have the resources to reach out to and convince upwards of 40 different banks not to oppose our project. We are coming before you seeking that this law be amended, because we have seen tremendous support from all of our neighbors who have weighed in on this issue and want to make sure other communities can avoid this barrier to accessing more affordable energy.

As we push to achieve our state's clean energy future, it is paramount that we stamp out any and all red tape blocking citizens from participating. Amending the Maryland Condominium Act in accordance with Senate Bill 593 represents a meaningful step toward that goal, so I urge this body to issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 593. I thank you very much for your time and stand ready to address any questions or concerns you may have.

### SB0593\_FAV\_ Montgomery County Green Bank.pdf Uploaded by: Tom Deyo



#### SB 0593 - SUPPORT

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### SB 0593 SUPPORT

### **Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment**

Judicial Proceedings Committee March 7, 2023

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Hello. I am Tom Deyo, CEO of the Montgomery County Green Bank. I am here to request your favorable support for SB 0593. The SB 0593 bill recognizes the importance of helping all homeowners across the state reach clean energy goals and the state to meet climate response needs and to support clean energy jobs.

Montgomery County, MD established the green bank by resolution in 2015 and it uses the capital provided by the County and others in partnership with the private sector to generate more financing for clean energy projects and to achieve more clean energy jobs. The Montgomery County Green Bank's financing helps businesses and homeowners save money on their energy bills through these partnerships through the creation of more affordable and accessible loan products. The Montgomery County Green Bank is a tool to help the County achieve its goal to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and increase resiliency of businesses and residential properties.

The Montgomery County Green Bank is supportive of Senate Bill 0593 as the bill addresses a key obstacle to delivering solar PV on condominiums across the state. Based on the Montgomery County Green Bank's direct experiences with several condominiums in Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Green Bank believes that SB0593's focus on a more efficient and financially less burdensome procedure for condominiums to approve and install solar PV and other clean energy equipment on their properties can immediately unleash significant solar PV and other clean energy opportunities for condominiums throughout the state.

Through SB0593, condominium Boards can be allowed to proceed in a dutiful fashion to approve installation of leasehold clean energy equipment on their properties in a similar structured, efficient and cost effective way as to how these boards approve installation for other leasehold utility and communication activities. With SB0593, action can be taken more expeditiously at the condominium to allow solar PV and other clean energy projects to proceed by reducing the approval burden of these volunteer boards for the owner and mortgage holder approvals, the latter of which is both a financial and logistical burden for the condominium associations.

The Montgomery County Green Bank has been engaged with a dozen condominiums in Montgomery County in the last 3 years to support solar PV installations as leasehold activities. For these properties the Montgomery County Green Bank has supported the condominium Boards and solar PV developers to develop designs and provide favorable funding options to make projects work as leasehold projects that deliver a no out-of-pocket solution to the condominiums and lower utility costs to the property. These solar PV projects create value for the property, reduce the owner's costs for electricity, and lower the property's greenhouse gas emissions. The projects are designed by professional solar and clean energy professionals and must meet local permitting requirements to work on the property and meet local building codes, including the installation method on the roof, if applicable.

These projects that the Montgomery County Green Bank has been involved in have been reviewed by the condominium Boards and reached the place of decision-making. However, most of these projects have stalled because the Boards have faced the project approval requirements related to the existing condominium law for these type installations. These requirements include a greater than 60 percent level of approval by both owners and mortgage holders for these leasehold improvements. Such approval requirements are not feasible for these volunteer Boards of varying skillsets to undertake, particularly in finding the dozens to hundreds of names and addresses of all of the mortgage holders and then sending a certified notice to each and awaiting responses.

SB0593 seeks to address the approval requirement obstacle of the current condominium law, a requirement that is inconsistent with approval requirements in the condominium law for other utility-styled leasehold improvements. SB0593 simply seeks to align the approvals for solar PV and clean energy utility-styled leasehold improvements with that required of other similar utility-styled improvements that allow for Board-level approval under diligent Board procedures. The proposed change of SB0593 still maintains a specific and consistent rigor to other Board level approvals to accomplish oversight, due diligence, and public decision-making by the appointed Board of the condominium while also removing the logistical and financial burden of finding the dozens of mortgage holders to send a certified notice.

In conclusion, the Montgomery County Green Bank believes that SB0593 will make solar PV a much more feasible activity for condominiums throughout the state, generating savings to homeowners and reducing energy consumption.

Just in Montgomery County alone there are over 200 condominiums with more than 42,000 homeowner units. Many of these properties and homeowners could benefit from this change. The Montgomery County Green Bank has a specific focus on these properties and with passage of SB0593 would engage with these properties and their Boards to discuss solar PV options for the properties.

The Montgomery County Green Bank urges a favorable report on SB0593.

## MBIA Letter of Support with amendments SB 593.pdf Uploaded by: Lori Graf



March 6, 2023

The Honorable William C. Smith Jr. Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Letter of Support with Amendments SB0593 Condominiums – Common Elements – Clean Energy Equipment

#### Dear Chairman Smith:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding SB0593 Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment. MBIA **supports** the Act in its current version with amendments.

This bill authorizes certain governing bodies of a condominium to grant an interest affecting the common elements of the condominium for the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment. MBIA supports this measure with amendments. Our industry is concerned by some of the language written on page 2 of the bill. The language in lines 18-27 removes mortgagee approval and doesn't even give them notice if they are going to grant easements, leases in excess of 1 year, etc. We feel that mortgagee approval has never been an impediment on anything that a condominium association wants to do, and it is necessary for them to be aware of activity in the association as they are a large stakeholder. On page 4, lines 12-14, we believe the definition of clean energy equipment is very broad, and we are unsure of the costs of everything listed.

Therefore, MBIA requests the language to be narrowed to specify that that "Clean Energy Equipment" only applies to Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment, Solar Energy Equipment, and Energy Storage systems. MBIA support this bill with this change.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report with these amendments.. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Position: UNF

SB 593 Clean Energy

I am a USAF combat veteran, hold a BS in Public Affairs, MA in counseling.

I oppose SB 593.

Marylanders want balanced Energy policies to provide us multiple, reliable, and affordable energy choices.

Intermittent forms of energy such as wind and solar are a greater threat to people due to the difficulty producing and transporting energy during extreme heat and cold causing more death than any recorded difficulties from fossil fuels. Other countries are producing the dirtiest energy with more pollutants than the United States. We are the cleanest energy producers in the world.

Maryland is a breadbasket of food and fuel which can provide bountifully for all Marylanders. Marylanders want equal opportunities to produce and consume energy without the government deciding for us.

Zero emissions is a term which is highly acclaimed for the populace while the "select few" freely fly the globe in their personal jets, fund the military industrial complex, incite global conflict, and promise that all lowly people will own nothing and be happy. Transportation and fuels decided by the government such as fossil fuels become regulated and extremely costly and will only be available for the extremely wealthy.

The verbiage in SB 593 sounds like the sustainable development goals of Agenda 2030 when the government decides what fuel to produce and whom it will be distributed to in the community based upon a false climate crisis. The World Economic Forum created the climate crisis to control the populace and rule the world under a few select nations. The tactics of the WEF is to create a crisis and then provide a solution which controls the masses. Agenda 2030 and the Bali Declaration of G20, are examples of these strategies. Another example of the over-reaching climate agenda is that bugs will be the choice of food for the masses since bugs positively impact the climate crisis. You will own nothing, eat bugs and be happy. See the links below.

https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/02/how-insects-positively-impact-climate-change/

You'll own Nothing. And You'll be Happy (bitchute.com)

G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration | The White House

https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/food

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