



Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments

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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman  
Chair of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
Senate of Maryland  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for SB 1023, Maryland Building Performance Standards - Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2024)

Dear Chair Feldman:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to support SB 1023, the Better Buildings Act of 2024.

Climate change is a regional priority for COG, the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington. COG's legislative priorities include supporting aggressive energy efficiency goals and policies and actions that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in metropolitan Washington. This bill would directly assist in implementing actions to reduce energy consumption in the State of Maryland's built environment, while facilitating deployment of clean energy technologies. As such, CEEPC, on behalf of COG, supports SB 1023, as it would implement more stringent building codes, thus reducing total energy consumption and GHG emissions.

Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs at (202) 962-3238 or [jking@mwcog.org](mailto:jking@mwcog.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jolene Ivey".

Jolene Ivey  
Chair, Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee

cc: Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan  
Honorable Malcolm L. Augustine  
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