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Chairman Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby, and Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

Nonprofit organizations are the backbone of our communities, providing vital services to countless Marylanders. They educate our children, care for the sick, support those in need, and enrich our cultural lives. Yet, these vital institutions often face significant financial constraints that hinder their ability to operate efficiently and sustainably.

HB145 offers a critical financial lifeline for nonprofits seeking to enhance their energy efficiency and sustainability. By providing no-interest loans, the program empowers these organizations to invest in a wide range of green technologies, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and energy-efficient building upgrades. This not only reduces their environmental impact but also significantly lowers their operating costs, allowing them to redirect valuable resources towards their core missions.

Furthermore, the program prioritizes smaller nonprofits, ensuring that organizations with limited budgets can also access these vital resources. This equitable approach fosters a more inclusive and sustainable energy landscape within the state. By incentivizing the adoption of renewable energy solutions, this program plays a pivotal role in advancing Maryland's broader climate goals. It contributes to a cleaner environment, reduces reliance on fossil fuels, and strengthens the state's commitment to a sustainable future.

HB145 offers a practical and effective solution. By providing no-interest loans for green technologies, this legislation empowers nonprofits to reduce their energy costs, enhance their environmental impact, and ultimately strengthen their ability to serve our communities. HB145 will ensure that our nonprofits have the resources they need to thrive and continue their vital work for generations to come. That is why I strongly urge a favorable report on HB145.

Thank you,

Delegate Adrian Boafo