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**OPPOSE HB1349: Clean Energy Attribute Credits and Procurement**

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Maryland League of Conservation Voters strongly opposes HB1349, Clean Energy Attribute Credits and Procurement.

The Maryland General Assembly, and the Environment and Transportation Committee, have made important strides towards addressing climate change and putting Maryland on the path to being a leader in climate policy nationwide. Confronting the climate emergency is a relentless challenge that must be attacked with robust action in all sectors of the economy. Last year, this Committee showed leadership and vision in passing the Clean Energy Jobs Act, requiring 50% of our state's energy to be derived from renewable energy sources by the year 2030. Your actions last year were important, and bold, and set our state on the path to the forefront of climate policy nationwide. We are all grateful for your work. HB1349 undermines the important work on this committee and the General Assembly and destabilizes the energy framework established by the RPS and the predictability of that proven system.

We appreciate the sponsor's commitment to confronting the climate crisis, as is clear through much of the text of the bill, however we urge this committee to reject the proposal presented in HB1349 and instead act on many of the other proposals that are being considered this session which incentivize clean energy and substantially reduce emissions – including creating a date-certain end to coal fired power plants, removing subsidies on waste incineration, and enabling community choice energy.

We strongly urge an unfavorable report on HB1349.