February 10, 2021

Senator Guy J. Guzzone
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: PROPERTY TAX – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Dear Chairman Guzzone,

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SGC Power's efforts support Governor Hogans Executive Order 01.01.2019.09 (Governor's Task Force on Renewable Energy Development and Siting). This Task Force encourages renewable energy projects to be developed in the commercial, industrial, and public settings while minimizing the impact of renewable energy projects sited on agriculturally or ecologically sensitive areas.

SGC Power needs your support in moving HB0954/SB0841 "Property Tax – Solar Energy Systems" forward. Other non-CSEGS rooftop systems such as residential and commercial already have tax exemption. However, without this bill's passage and the resulting tax exemption, CSEGS rooftop projects will remain financially challenging and development of these types of projects will remain limited.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we are available for any questions you may have.

Regards,

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