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Chairman Dereck Davis
Chair, Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: HB0419 Testimony and Support for FSi Engineers

Dear Chairman Davis and the members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my testimony for the House Bill 0419 on Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) funding.

I am a past Chair of the Board for the Maryland Chapter of the US Green Building Council, Chair of the AIA Baltimore Committee on the Environment, and I have long attended the Maryland Green Building Council meetings that are open to the public. I am a Principal at FSi, with 37 employees—we are mechanical engineers with a strong focus in green and net zero building. MCEC has been a strong advocate for green building and next generation energy technologies in Maryland. Continued funding is critical to this work.

House Bill 0419, sponsored by Delegate Qi is an important funding mechanism to continue the good work at MCEC. I look forward to seeing your support an ultimately the passage of this bill.

FSi Engineers

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Roush'.

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