

February 2, 2021

Delegate Dereck E. Davis
Chair, Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Support for HB 0419 “Economic Development

Dear Delegate Davis:

I am writing to request your favorable support for HB 0419 “Economic Development – Advanced Clean Energy and Clean Energy Innovation Investments and Initiatives.” I am a partner in the law firm of Paley Rothman in Bethesda. In my practice I work with early stage companies, many involved in cutting edge science and technology.

In 2020, I participated in a Maryland Clean Energy Center program called the Maryland Energy Innovation Accelerator. I chose to help this program, because of its efforts to accelerate the commercialization of new technologies created in Maryland with the goal of creating new Maryland-based technology and manufacturing businesses that will have a positive impact on Maryland’s climate goals. Working with MEIA’s start-ups not only helps us to support new businesses, but MEIA’s focus is on important and exciting innovations in energy technology. As the MEIA-supported Maryland businesses strive to improve battery storage, make energy delivery systems more efficient, and manufacture new fuels in ways that can actually sequester carbon, MEIA is also helping to move our state and industries generally toward a more carbon neutral future. These new businesses will be among the industries that employ the workers of future.

This legislation provides baseline funding for the Maryland Clean Energy Center so that the Maryland Energy Innovation Accelerator can continue to accelerate Maryland-based technology and manufacturing businesses. **Your consideration and favorable support of HB 0419 will be much appreciated.**

Very truly yours,



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