



February 2, 2021

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

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.”

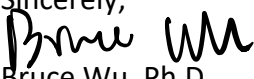
My name is Bruce Wu, Ph.D. and I am working with a Maryland-based startup Wise Battery to develop an environmental benign, clean and safe aqueous battery for clean energy storage applications. We are trying to address the most challenging problem in enabling renewable energy technologies: the storage problem. This is a surprisingly challenging quest and one have to not only solve the challenging technical problems but also identify the right product market fit.

In 2020, I participated in a Maryland Clean Energy Center program called the Maryland Energy Innovation Accelerator. This unique program accelerates the commercialization of new technologies created in Maryland-based universities and Federal Labs with the goal of creating new Maryland-based technology and manufacturing businesses that will have a positive impact on Maryland’s climate goals.

MEIA provided me the platform to meet the people I cannot access in my own capacity and the webinars about how to build a successful startup are very informative. When I have questions, I can always ask for advice from the staffs in MEIA. MEIA is truly a engine in driving new economic growth in the Maryland Area and I cannot emphasize their importance enough in helping me to accomplish milestones in commercializing the new technologies from University of Maryland.

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.

Sincerely,

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