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Dear Jennifer,

I am writing to request that the National Consumer Law Center provide expertise and advice on my legislation, HB 397, related to controlling energy costs for low income Marylanders. This legislation will ensure that limited state energy assistance funds are truly helping Marylanders pay for their energy needs. HB 397 will maximize limited energy assistance funds administered through the Office of Home Energy Programs and protect low-income households from exploitative and deceptive practices. This legislation is necessary to protect state resources and prevent low-income consumers from being victimized by energy suppliers.

This hearing will take place in the Economic Matters on February 4 at 1:30PM.

We would greatly appreciate National Consumer Law Center's perspective on this issue. Advice should include the organization's position in support of or in opposition to the measure, its analysis and comments on the bill, and its ideas for potential changes to the bill language. I request your participation in the legislative process to the fullest extent possible, including but not limited to participation in committee and sub-committee hearings on the bill, stakeholder meetings and workgroups that may occur or be formed regarding the bill, and drafting language to include in the bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

My best.