

**Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Environmental
Justice Ministry (EJM)**

March 19, 2021

**Testimony in Support of HB-0768: Community Choice
Energy**

Position: Favorable

**The Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Environmental
Justice Ministry views legislation with a faith-based
lens. Our principles require us to respect not only all
people but also the interdependent web of all
existence which composes our environment.**

**Therefore we must support HB0768, the Community
Choice Energy pilot program for Montgomery County,
which is also supported by the entire Montgomery
County Delegation and all Montgomery County state
and county legislators.**

**It is essential that Maryland move to 100% clean
energy within a very short time window. Climate
Change risks are no longer getting worse by the year;
the hazards are increasing by the day and the minute.
CCE is an extremely important tool that will help
Montgomery County reach that climate change
mitigation goal of 100% clean energy.**

**In addition, CCE supports equity by allowing the
county to negotiate for lower rates as well as**

renewable energy and protects citizens from unscrupulous people who claim to offer clean energy and lower rates while actually costing ratepayers much higher costs over average rates. We need our elected officials to support this legislation giving citizens a true voice in our energy decisions by giving our elected and accountable governmental officials the ability to negotiate for fair rates and clean energy.

We urge you to vote favorable on HB0768, Community Choice Energy.

Thank you for your support of equity, climate change mitigation, and democracy.

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