

**Committee: Senate Finance**

**Legislation: SB0524/HB 0108 Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve an annual incremental gross energy savings of at least 0.4% starting in 2023; requiring the Department to develop a plan to coordinate and leverage funding sources to support certain energy efficiency and other home upgrades and a plan to provide energy efficiency retrofits to all low-income households by 2030; etc.**

**Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church**

**Position: Favorable**

**Hearing: February 15, 2022**

Dear Committee Chair and Committee Members,

SB 0524 and companion bill HB 0108 are excellent bills to support climate equity in the difficult area of energy efficiency retrofits in low-income households. The Environmental Justice Ministry holds the inherent worth and dignity of every person and justice equity and compassion as principles of our faith. These bills provide the fair distribution of energy resources that will benefit all Marylanders and will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Please vote in favor of SB 0524.

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