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Senate Bill 103 Income Tax – Maryland Residential Solar Investment Tax Credit

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To: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee	From: Doug Myers Maryland Senior Scientist

Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** SB 103 which a nonrefundable credit against Maryland state income tax for photovoltaic equipment purchased and installed on residential rooftops.

CBF generally supports accelerating the transition to solar power as a way to reduce greenhouse gases from the combustion of fossil fuels which are causing climate instability and oxides of nitrogen which become bay pollutants when it rains. We also feel strongly that distributed power sited near where it will be used saves significant energy used in transmission. Additionally, when compared with utility-scale solar operations residential rooftop solar arrays do not present a risk of adverse impacts on forests or the loss of environmentally beneficial farmland.¹

CBF urges the Committee’s FAVORABLE report on SB103.

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¹ For additional information on solar best practices, see “Principles and Practices for Realizing the Necessity and Promise of Solar Power.”, *Chesapeake Bay Foundation*, April 2020, <https://www.cbf.org/document-library/cbf-guides-fact-sheets/principles-and-practices-for-solar-power.pdf>

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