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**HB 1214: Residential Retail Electricity – Green Power – Renewable Energy Credits and
Marketing Claims**

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Ladies and gentlemen,

I'm a proud graduate of the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy. I'm a responsible citizen,
and a careful shopper.

When selecting an energy supplier, I diligently read the notices and advertisements on the BGE
supplier page and considered the promises made by several suppliers.

After much research I chose Washington Gas and Electric because they are the oldest utility in
the US, and they offered 100% wind power. I paid more for 100% wind because I wanted to
lower my carbon footprint.

I bragged about buying 100% wind power during climate change briefings I gave to the
American Society for Quality. I recommended the same purchase plan to friends and relatives.

So, you can imagine how surprised, embarrassed, and disappointed I was when I realized that
100% wind was not 100% wind. Individual consumers (even ones who read the fine print like I
do) have little chance against the marketing savvy and the clever attorneys employed by energy
companies.

The product I bought was approved by the Public Service Commission which to me meant it was
approved by the state of Maryland. Consumers should have confidence that a regulated offering
is what it says it is. The principle of "let the buyer beware" is not in the interest of the citizens of
Maryland.

That's why it is immediately necessary that House Bill 1214 should be put in place to protect
consumers.

Thank you for protecting the citizens of Maryland.

