

February 28, 2023

The Honorable C. T. Wilson
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for HB 910, Energy Storage – Targets and Maryland Energy Storage Program -
Establishment

Dear Chair Wilson:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to offer our support for HB 910 that would require the Public Service Commission to establish certain targets for the deployment of new energy storage devices in the State of Maryland and require the Commission to establish and implement the Maryland Energy Storage Program to meet certain energy storage goals.

Climate change is a regional priority for COG, the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington. With 36 percent of total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the region associated with electricity consumption, local policies and programs to accelerate the deployment of battery storage have the potential to support significant GHG emissions reductions. HB 910 charges the Public Service Commission to set targets for a statewide energy storage system designed to increase electrical grid stability and resiliency. This strategy aligns with COG's priorities to expand clean energy access and support regional resilient infrastructure. As such, CEEPC, on behalf of COG, supports HB 910, as it would increase deployment of clean energy technology and make progress toward our regional GHG emission reduction goals.

Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs, at (202) 962-3238 or jking@mwkog.org if you have any questions. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee