

# BALTIMORE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

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February 28, 2023

Delegate and Committee Chair C.T. Wilson  
Members of the House Economic Matters Committee

RE: **Support** for HB0904, Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions - Alterations and Requirements

Dear Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

We are writing in support of HB0904, the Energy Savings Act.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability is a body appointed by the Mayor to oversee the creation and implementation of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan. The 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan addresses a wide range of social, economic, and environmental goals for the City, and it does so through an equity lens.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability has a strong interest in the success of HB0904. Baltimore's 2019 Sustainability Plan calls for increased energy programs including efficiency and weatherization (Energy Strategy 1, Action 2), and for programs to reduce energy use in buildings. This bill aligns the emPOWER program with Maryland's climate goals and expands access to savings to low-income residents.

We urge the Committee to support HB0904.

Sincerely,

Miriam Avins  
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Co-chairs, Commission on Sustainability

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