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Chair Brian Feldman
Education, Energy and Environment
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

Dear Chair Feldman and Committee Members:

I write today to provide information regarding HB 1214 - Residential Retail Electricity – Green Power – Renewable Energy Credits and Marketing Claims. HB 1214 requires electric suppliers, which are marketing their supply as **renewable or green**, to purchase renewable energy credits for each year the supplier offers green power, as defined in §7-707 (A), for sale to residential customers.

Additionally, HB 1214 requires electric suppliers that claim to be purchasing green power to make a disclosure to customers. This disclosure should help customers to better understand the nature of the green/renewable product they are purchasing.

The Commission currently regulates retail suppliers to prevent and deter fraudulent or deceptive marketing practices. The proposed requirements of HB 1214 will increase transparency and allow the Commission to substantiate “green power” marketing claims. It should be noted that the Commission currently has the ability to verify renewable energy credits located in the PJM market. The ability to verify renewable energy credits outside the PJM market¹ is unclear, as the Commission is not aware of how much access will be given to data from the markets outside of the PJM.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide information on HB 1214. Please contact Lisa Smith, Director of Legislative Affairs, at (410) 336-6288 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason M. Stanek".

Jason M. Stanek, Chairman

¹ The deleted language on page 2, lines 29 through page 3, lines 1-4 would have further restricted the scope of allowable RECs.