

**SB92/HB6: Department of General Services - Energy-Conserving Standards
(Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023)**

House Health and Government Affairs & Appropriations Committees
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Positon: Favorable

Dear Members of the Committees,

Clean Water Action supports the Maryland Sustainable Buildings Act of 2023 as a method of reducing energy consumption and better protecting our birds.

This legislation impacts GSA state-funded projects, and requires that the projects include wherever practical energy-conserving features that are also bird-safe features. These practices reduce solar heat gain, lower the cost of heating and cooling, and also protect resident and migratory birds from building-strikes.

The practices, like requiring motion-sensor and/or down-shielded lights also limit unnecessary nighttime light pollution and reduce energy consumption as well.

We appreciate the hard work that both the House and Senate put into this legislation in previous years, and ask for a favorable report to both reduce energy consumption and reduce the number of birds that hit buildings.

Thank you,

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