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The Honorable CT Wilson, Chairman  
Economic Matters Committee  
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CleanChoice Energy is a renewable energy company founded in 2011 with a mission to make it easy for residential customers to switch to clean, renewable energy. We provide exclusively 100% renewable energy to customers across our footprint and never charge an early termination fee.

CleanChoice Energy is pleased to offer its support for Senate Bill 931 and House Bill 1036.

These bills will drive significant advancements in renewable energy projects across the state of Maryland. They aim to achieve this by expediting the approval process for such projects, while also implementing stringent guidelines to ensure that projects are developed and operated in a responsible and sustainable manner. This streamlined approach will not only encourage greater investment in renewable energy sources, but it will also lead to a substantial reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, thereby helping to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change and enhance the state's overall climate resilience.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 931 and House Bill 1036 contain provisions that mandate community engagement and input throughout the development process. This includes requirements for public hearings and meetings, particularly in areas that have historically been overburdened by pollution or underserved in terms of access to clean energy resources. By fostering transparency and actively involving local communities in the decision-making process, these bills seek to ensure that the benefits of renewable energy are shared equitably and that the concerns of all stakeholders are considered.

In addition to streamlining the approval process and mandating community input, these bills also address a wide range of other issues related to the development and operation of renewable energy projects. This includes provisions related to environmental protection, grid integration, and consumer protection. By taking a comprehensive approach to advancing renewable energy, these bills will help to ensure that Maryland's transition to a clean energy future is both sustainable and equitable.

Overall, Senate Bill 931 and House Bill 1036 represent a significant step forward in Maryland's efforts to promote renewable energy and combat climate change. By passing these bills, the Maryland legislature will send a clear message that the state is committed to a clean energy future and that it is taking concrete steps to achieve its ambitious renewable energy and climate goals. This will not only benefit the environment and public health, but it will also create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and protect consumers from the rising costs of fossil fuels.

Respectfully Submitted,

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