

February 19, 2025

Honorable C. T. Wilson, Chair  
Economic Matters Committee Room 231  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### **HB 1338 – FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

TurningPoint Energy (“TPE”) is a solar and battery storage development company, with over 1.2 gigawatts of community solar developed or in operation across the United States and over 240 megawatts in development or operation in Maryland alone.

TPE supports HB 1338 which establishes a statewide permitting process for energy storage systems in Maryland. Energy storage is critical to alleviating high-capacity prices in many regions of Maryland, as well as enhancing its commitment to grid resiliency and renewable energy deployment.

Currently, energy storage systems are not eligible for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) unless they are coupled with other energy generation technologies. This leaves the regulatory framework for energy storage both unclear and fragmented, as most localities do not have clear ordinances or procedures to guide permitting. This uncertainty creates a barrier to the development of energy storage projects, discourages investment, and delays the deployment of these critical technologies.

Energy storage is a vital tool for stabilizing our grid, increasing energy resilience, and enhancing the integration of renewable energy sources. By allowing energy to be stored when generation exceeds demand and released when it is needed most, energy storage systems help smooth fluctuations in electricity supply, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and enhance grid reliability.

TPE observes that HB 1338 would not only simplify and streamline the approval process for energy storage projects, but create a consistent set of guidelines for developers, local governments, and regulatory agencies. State legislation will also ensure safety and compliance with best practices by establishing clear standards for the installation and operation of energy storage systems across Maryland, reducing risks to public safety and building public comfort with the increased deployment of the technology.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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