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TO: The Honorable C.T. Wilson  
Chair, Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Tiffany Johnson Clark, Chief, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Attorney General

RE: **House Bill 505** – Empowering New Energy Resources and Green Initiatives  
Toward a Zero-Emission (ENERGIZE) Maryland Act– **Support**

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The Office of Attorney General (“OAG”) respectfully urges this Committee to report favorably on **House Bill 505** – ENERGIZE Maryland Act. **House Bill 505** aims to advance Maryland’s goal of achieving zero-emission energy by bolstering clean energy portfolio standards, enhancing offshore wind and nuclear project application processes, and expanding Maryland’s clean energy sources.

**House Bill 505** seeks to achieve Maryland’s goal of achieving 100 percent clean energy through various mechanisms. If passed the bill would annually increase the required minimum percentage of Maryland’s energy derived from clean energy sources. The bill also renames the renewable energy portfolio standard to the “Clean energy portfolio standard” and outlines what percentage of Maryland’s clean energy sources should come from Tier 1 and Tier 2 renewable energy sources.

**House Bill 505** offers opportunities for small, minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses and investors to participate in Maryland’s clean energy industry, expanding access for Marylanders who have been historically underrepresented in the clean energy industry which is in alignment with the Attorney General’s goal to advance equity and justice for all Marylanders.

Additionally, the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, in consultation with the OAG and an approved applicant, must set clear minority business enterprises (“MBE”) participation goals and procedures for each phase of a nuclear energy generation project within six months after the project’s approval. **House Bill 505** also requires electricity suppliers to document the level of MBE participation in activities supporting the creation of renewable energy credits and tasks an Advisory Committee with providing recommendations to the Governor’s Administration on how to financially maximize opportunities for emerging businesses in the State,

including MBEs, to participate in clean energy. **House Bill 505** balances advancing Maryland's goal of achieving zero emissions while increasing Marylanders' economic opportunities in and access to the clean energy industry.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report on **House Bill 505**.

cc: Committee Members