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Maryland Senate
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

SB 0149
Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025
Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester

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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and esteemed members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

Advanced Energy United is an industry association that represents companies operating in the clean energy space. Our mission is to accelerate the transition to a 100% clean energy economy. Our member companies include, but are not limited to, companies which manufacture and sell electric school buses.

SB 0149 will establish the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund, and supply it primarily with cost recovery payments. This fund will be used for many purposes, including supplying money to the Zero-Emission Vehicle School Bus Transition Fund, and installing clean energy retrofits in buildings. These investments will not only benefit our member companies, but will benefit the state by stimulating economic activity, saving ratepayers money, and growing the clean energy economy generally.

We respectfully request the Committee issue a favorable report. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

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