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RE: Senate Bill (SB) 23: Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan Program and Fund – Establishment - Favorable

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee:

Introduction: Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 23. Chaberton Energy is a Maryland-based distributed energy developer focused on community solar and storage. A public benefit corporation, Chaberton is one of the largest developers in the Maryland Community Solar Energy Systems (“CSEGS”) Program. Chaberton has over 200 Megawatts of community solar, commercial solar, and storage in active development here in Maryland. With a total development pipeline of more than one Gigawatt and over 100 Megawatts of projects completed, Chaberton is one of the fastest growing energy companies in the nation, ranked 53rd on the 2025 and 34th on the 2024 Inc. 5000 lists.

Background: SB 23 would establish the GREEN Loan Program and Fund administered by the Maryland Clean Energy Center. This program provides no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for installing energy systems and improving energy efficiency. Beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 and at the discretion of the Governor, this fund may be \$5 million annually.

Comments: Vice Chair Kagan said it well in her written testimony supporting her 2025 SB 105: GREEN Loan Program & Fund when she wrote that it takes “governments, industry, individuals... and nonprofits” to solve the current climate crisis.¹ Additionally, a growing, nationwide energy crisis furthers the need for programs and funds like the one created in this legislation.

As part of the industry, Chaberton takes its role in this seriously. We strongly support assistance like that of the proposed GREEN Program & Fund. Installing energy systems and improving energy efficiency ultimately relieve demand on the grid. In turn, this reduces Maryland’s reliance on increasingly expensive, imported energy through PJM. Combined with expanding development of distributed generation and storage projects like those Chaberton deploys, Maryland can continue making large strides in bringing relief to ratepayers and being better environmental stewards. To that extent, Chaberton would support additional efforts to subscribe nonprofits participating in the GREEN Program in Community Solar projects, bringing further relief to the grid and financial relief to nonprofits supporting our communities.

Conclusion: For the reasons stated above, Chaberton respectfully urges a favorable report on SB 23. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out should the Committee have any questions.

¹ https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/cmte_testimony/2025/bat/17WU3vkl0Dmf6YQnatH2teB4k_tS2a0b.pdf