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SB0023, the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan Program and Fund

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Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee, on behalf of Elders Climate Action Maryland, I urge a favorable report on SB0023, the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan Program and Fund.

Elders Climate Action is a nationwide organization devoted to ensuring that our children, grandchildren, and future generations have a world in which they can thrive. The Maryland Chapter has members across the state.

Nonprofits in Maryland provide a wide spectrum of essential services for all of us. Many of these services are particularly important for elders and for our grandchildren. Our nonprofit organizations are facing serious challenges from our current economic situation and cuts in Federal funding. Many would like to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and move to renewable energy. Those changes would decrease their operating costs and make more funds available for the services they provide, but the upfront costs are often prohibitive.

Making those changes would improve resilience in the face of severe weather events and allow them to be even greater resources to their communities. Becoming more energy efficient and using clean renewable energy also decreases air pollution and helps to stabilize our climate. That is important for the health and well-being of everyone in Maryland, especially children and elders.

SB0023 would provide no-interest loans to non-profits for the planning, purchase and installation of renewable energy systems and energy-efficiency improvements. It would be an

effective, fiscally responsible way to help our nonprofits to continue to provide essential services and to help all of us as we deal with the dangers of a changing climate. We strongly urge the committee to give SB0023 a favorable report.

Thank you.