

Testimony in favor of SB0023 Green and renewable energy efficiency for nonprofits – loan program and fund

As Unitarian Universalists, we support SB0023 because the target organizations of this bill are smaller non-profits with limited resources and cannot afford up-front costs to implement cost-saving energy efficiency and clean energy improvements yet they provide many essential services in every community in Maryland while also employing more than 12% of Maryland's workforce. These non-profits provide food banks and food services, healthcare and disability services, shelters and disaster response teams yet are often underfunded and overburdened especially now with our budget constraints and more frequent extreme weather events.

SB0023 is a fiscally responsible solution that provides no-interest loans for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement projects for these non-profits.

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report for SB0023.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify and for your time and consideration.

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