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Chair and Members
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Subject: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS – HB 1532

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Cecil County to express **support with amendments** for House Bill 1532, the Utility RELIEF Act.

Cecil County supports efforts to improve energy affordability and streamline solar permitting; however, several provisions in the bill raise concerns. The requirement to allow **remote inspections** could present **public safety risks**, as in-person inspections are essential to ensuring compliance with building codes, fire safety standards, and adequate emergency access.

The bill also excludes **historic preservation review**, limiting the County's ability to uphold federal, state, and local protections for designated properties. In addition, the proposed **quarterly reporting requirements** would place added administrative strain on already resource-limited permitting offices.

Cecil County supports MACo's recommended amendments, which would create a more balanced approach by establishing an expedited review process while preserving local oversight, safety standards, and flexibility .

We remain committed to working with the State to advance responsible and efficient energy solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Streight", is written over a blue horizontal line.

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