



CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

Support House Bill 597 – Montgomery County – Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program – Alterations (MC 17-26)

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

April 2, 2026

The City of Takoma Park fully supports House Bill 597 - Montgomery County - Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program - Alterations MC 17-26. Given the complexity of developing and implementing this important pilot program, this extension of time is essential to its success.

The CCA program will allow Montgomery County to purchase electricity for residents, businesses, and local governments. By doing so, it will expand access to more competitive pricing, increase our use of renewable energy, and provide greater stability in energy supplies. These benefits strongly support Takoma Park's ongoing commitment to energy efficiency and sustainable practices.

Takoma Park is dedicated to ambitious climate goals, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting clean energy. The City's 2019 Climate Action Plan identified CCA as a key strategy to achieve these objectives. The Montgomery County CCA pilot, through HB 548, will help to empower our community to buy renewable electricity together, helping Takoma Park meet its climate targets by expanding access to clean energy and advancing local sustainability.

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly authorized Montgomery County to pursue a CCA pilot program. Building on this, in 2024, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) adopted CCA framework regulations, developed with input from a formal CCA Workgroup, stakeholders and the community and recommended by the County Council. And recently, with expedited bill 27-25, the County formally established a county CCA program to implement the effort.

The City of Takoma Park enthusiastically supports House Bill 597 and urges favorable committee action.

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