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**Senate Bill 801 – Real Property - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, EmPOWER Energy Efficiency Programs, and Net Energy Metering**

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Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express strong support for Senate Bill 801, which makes critical adjustments to Maryland's energy policy to ensure affordability, reliability, and fairness for consumers. This legislation requires the Governor to withdraw Maryland from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) by January 1, 2027, while preserving the option to rejoin under specific conditions that protect Maryland's competitiveness and energy security. By doing so, SB 801 addresses concerns about rising energy costs and positions the state to maintain a balanced approach to environmental goals without imposing undue burdens on ratepayers.

Additionally, SB 801 eliminates the EmPOWER surcharge on customer bills and revises net energy metering compensation to reflect standard offer service rates, creating a more equitable framework for all utility customers. These changes will reduce unnecessary costs, promote transparency, and ensure that Maryland families and businesses benefit from a fair and sustainable energy system.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay  
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland  
Serving Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties