



Maryland Energy Administration

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
FROM: MEA
SUBJECT: HB 1442 - Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program - Definition, Application, and Workgroup - Modifications
DATE: March 10, 2026

MEA Position: FAVORABLE

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) respectfully submits this letter of support for House Bill 1442.

House Bill 1442 makes practical updates to Maryland’s Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program by expanding participation beyond Montgomery County to all counties and Baltimore City, and by updating the definition of “community choice aggregator” to include residential customers served by certain electric cooperatives. The bill also updates the membership of the Community Choice Energy Workgroup to reflect this broader statewide application.

MEA supports these changes because they both expand local strategies that stabilize energy costs and advance Maryland’s climate initiatives, while also providing local governments across Maryland with additional tools to explore innovative electricity procurement strategies. This bill also preserves appropriate oversight by the Public Service Commission and maintains required planning, notice, and consumer protections.

For these reasons, MEA urges the committee to issue a **favorable report**.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Megan Outten, Policy manager, at megan.outten@maryland.gov or 443.842.1780.