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Support: HB1476: Public Service Commission - Net Energy Metering - Successor Program

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

Maryland LCV Supports HB 1476: Public Service Commission - Net Energy Metering - Successor Program, and we thank the Speaker for leadership on this issue.

Maryland LCV is working to Power Maryland Forward, supporting **energy affordability** through **deployment of solar and storage, defense against more fossil fuels** and **unchecked utility profits**, while **getting the most out of the electricity grid we have**. HB 1476 supports these goals by taking proactive steps to support net metering and the state solar program beyond the existing net metering cap.

In November 2025, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a report indicating that Maryland is approaching the statutory net metering cap of 3000 MW state wide - for both community solar and traditional net metering. The report anticipated that the cap would be reached within three or four years, and recommended that the General Assembly explore expanding the net metering cap, or alternative replacement policies. The General Assembly will begin this exploration through the passage of HB 1476.

The bill asks the Public Service Commission to develop and implement a successor program that responds to the needs of Maryland. It requires that the program:

- 1) Incentivize development of distributed generation
- 2) Minimize ratepayer costs in the short and long terms
- 3) Balance the needs of the grid against the benefits to individual customer generators with an eye towards ratepayer costs and benefits and energy equity.

We encourage the Public Service Commission to incorporate processes for robust public engagement and input, from a diverse cross-section of stakeholders, in crafting the successor program.

Maryland LCV urges a favorable report.

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