



# Maryland Energy Administration

**TO:** Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee

**FROM:** MEA

**SUBJECT:** HB 695 - Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan Program and Fund - Establishment

**DATE:** February 17, 2026

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## **MEA Position: LETTER OF INFORMATION**

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) would like to acknowledge the bill sponsors' commitment to advancing energy policy in Maryland. MEA is generally supportive of innovative programs that help to deploy energy efficiency efforts or renewable energy.

HB 695 would establish a Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan Program in the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems and for actions that improve energy efficiency. MCEC is the correct body to house such a program, as it serves as Maryland's green bank and it already offers a bevy of loan programs meant to advance the State's clean energy goals.

However, MEA would be remiss if we did not address the bill's potential for impacts on the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF). There is a broader conversation this legislative session regarding the current and future uses of SEIF, and how it can be best utilized to further the State's environmental and energy goals. MEA would ask the committee to consider the bill in light of these continuing conversations.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this informational testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Landon Fahrig, Legislative Liaison, at [landon.fahrig@maryland.gov](mailto:landon.fahrig@maryland.gov) or 410.913.1537.