



February 25, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
250 Taylor House Office Building
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Opposition to HB 988, Building Energy Performance Standards - Repeal

Dear Chair Korman:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to oppose HB 988 which is designed to repeal the statewide Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS). The bill seeks to strike key provisions such as the state-developed standards for buildings to achieve a 20% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 as well as repealing the requirement for buildings to reach net-zero direct greenhouse gas emissions by 2040.

Resiliency in the face of climate change is a regional priority for COG, the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington. COG's legislative priorities include supporting policies and actions that ensure solar deployment, aggressive energy efficiency goals, and sustainable secure energy access for all. This bill will severely restrict the ability of COG and its members to meet their regional greenhouse gas emissions targets. As such, CEEPC, on behalf of COG, opposes HB 988, as it would remove important requirements related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs at (202) 962-3238 or jking@mwkog.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Dyballa', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cindy Dyballa
Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee

cc: Honorable Michele Guyton
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