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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland House of Delegates

Subject: Favorable Support for HB0119 - Energy Performance Contracts - Navigators, Funding, and Requirements

Dear Chairman Korman,

On behalf of the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC), I write to express our favorable support HB0119 - Energy Performance Contracts - Navigators, Funding, and Requirements, sponsored by Delegate Joe Vogel

GWRCCC is a U.S. Department of Energy-designated Clean Cities coalition that operates across the greater Washington region to advance clean energy, emerging transportation technologies, and energy efficiency through partnerships with local governments, institutions, utilities, and the private sector. We regularly engage with public agencies technical guidance and implementation support for clean energy and emissions-reduction projects.

HB0119 would meaningfully strengthen Maryland's capacity to plan and execute building decarbonization and clean energy projects by funding project development navigators stationed at the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC). Many state and local governments, school systems, colleges, universities, and hospitals face significant barriers to implementing energy performance contracts, including limited operational costs, financial constraints, and regulatory complexity. Navigator support is critical to translating climate and energy goals into deployable, financeable projects.

We are particularly encouraged that the navigators would operate across six regions of Maryland, including the Washington Metro region (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties). This regional approach ensures equitable access to technical assistance and will help communities of

varying sizes and capacities advance cost-effective energy efficiency and decarbonization solutions.

GWRCCC appreciates the sponsor's willingness to work with stakeholders on amendments that improve flexibility while maintaining the bill's core intent. With these changes, HB0119 positions MCEC to provide practical, on-the-ground assistance that will promote energy conservation, reduce consumption of fossil fuels, and support Maryland's climate and economic development goals.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the House Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a favorable report on HB0119.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership on clean energy and climate policy.

Sincerely,

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