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

Subject: Favorable Support for SB0223/HB0245 - Maryland Energy Administration - Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program and Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund

Dear Chairman Korman,

The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) respectfully submits this letter in favorable support of SB0223/HB0245, sponsored by Senator Feldman and Delegate Korman at the administration's request.

GWRCCC supports policies that expand access to innovative financing tools and enable public and private entities to implement energy efficiency and decarbonization projects. We work closely with local governments, non-profits, and businesses that rely on flexible, mission-aligned financing to move projects from concept to completion.

This legislation would transfer the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program from the Maryland Energy Administration to oversight by the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC), allowing MCEC to administer the fund as a statewide green bank while preserving the fund's original intent. We support this approach and commend MCEC and MEA for collaborating on an amendment that enables professional fund management, reinvestment, and long-term sustainability.

The \$15 million Conservation Loan Program is a critical financing tool for building energy performance projects serving state agencies, non-profits, local governments, and businesses. Aligning this program with MCEC's existing clean energy finance and technical expertise will improve project deployment, leverage additional capital, and ensure Maryland's clean energy investments achieve maximum impact.

From our experience, access to appropriately structured financing is often the deciding factor in whether energy efficiency, and decarbonization projects move forward. SB0223/HB0245 strengthens Maryland's clean energy sector by ensuring this fund is managed in a way that supports scale, flexibility, and long-term public benefit.

For these reasons, GWRCCC respectfully urges a favorable report on SB0223/HB0245.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to advancing clean energy solutions in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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