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

RE: Support for HB 950 Public Utilities – Street Lighting Equipment –
Acquisitions and Reporting (County and Municipal Street Lighting
Investment Act)

Dear Chair Korman:

I am writing to express the City of College Park's strong support for HB 950, which will allow local governments to own and manage street-lighting equipment for better control of their systems.

HISTORY:

The City of College Park, along with other municipalities, have been working since 2022 to establish a clear process that allows local governments to purchase the streetlights within their municipal boundaries. They became parties to Public Service Commission Case No. 9703 after years of unsuccessful attempts to acquire Pepco-owned streetlights—despite state law permitting such purchases since 2007.

The municipalities seek to purchase these aging assets at an appropriate net book value, replace them with energy-efficient LED fixtures, and install dimming technology. Local ownership and contractor-based maintenance would cost significantly less than the rates Pepco proposes in its tariffs.

As part of Case No. 9703, the municipalities worked with Pepco to develop a Model Agreement for the Sale of Streetlights and a Model License Agreement for Overhead Electrical Service and Attachments to Utility Poles. The Public Service Commission supported this collaborative effort. While the parties have resolved most issues, Pepco continues to insist on unnecessary, non-industry-standard

requirements—standards Pepco does not impose on itself or on municipal-owned lights in other locations. These demands increase costs and create barriers that prevent local governments from acquiring their streetlights.

SUMMARY:

HB 950 would resolve these remaining obstacles and finally allow municipalities to purchase their streetlights, convert them to LED, reduce energy use and costs, and advance environmental goals.

ACTION:

For the benefit of our residents, the City of College Park urges your committee's favorable consideration of HB 950.

Sincerely,



Fazlul Kabir
Mayor

cc: Speaker Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Chairman Ben Barnes
Delegate Mary Lehman
Delegate Dylan Behler
Members, Environment and Transportation Committee