



**Committee: House Ways and Means**

**Testimony on: House Bill 87 – Income Tax – Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit**

**Organization: Mobilize Frederick**

**Submitting: Kathy Kinsey**

**Chair, Government Affairs Committee**

**Position: Favorable**

**Hearing Date: January 29, 2026**

Dear Chair Wilkins, Vice-Chair Feldmark, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 87 – Income Tax – Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit.

Mobilize Frederick, a nonprofit community advocacy organization formed to assist with implementation of innovative local solutions to address climate change, urges the Committee to issue a **favorable** report on this bill.

At a time when Marylanders across the State are facing sharply rising energy costs, State tax incentives that make home energy efficiency projects more affordable and save consumers money on their energy bills are needed to fill the gap left by the termination of federal energy efficiency tax incentives under the Inflation Reduction Act.

HB 87 provides a credit against an individual's state income tax for up to 30 percent of the costs not to exceed \$3,200 in a taxable year for qualifying home improvements – home energy audits, weatherization projects, and installation of efficient heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and biomass stoves and boilers.

This bill will reduce the cost barrier of home improvements that can lower energy usage, save Marylanders hundreds of dollars a year in lower energy bills, and over time, contribute to grid stability by reducing peak electricity demand.

For all the foregoing reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to issue a **favorable** report on House Bill 87.

Sincerely,

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