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The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chairperson
Members of the Senate Finance Committee
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, Senate Bill 720: Clean Energy Loan Programs

Dear Senator Middleton and Committee Members:

As the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Maryland Department of the Environment supports SB 720. The requirements of this bill help to promote the use of clean and renewable energy in Maryland. In doing so, the legislation supports the State's overall goal to reduce greenhouse gasses 25% by 2020, as mandated by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009. As you know, due to Maryland's extensive coastline, addressing sea level rise and climate change is critically urgent.

Thank you for your consideration of this information as you review HB 720. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or lnissley@mde.state.md.us if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

Cc: George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director, Air and Radiation Management Administration
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