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The Honorable Joan Carter Conway Members of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee 2 West, Miller Senate Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, Senate Joint Resolution 6: Earth Hour

Dear Senator Conway and Committee Members:

As the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Maryland Department of the Environment supports SJ 6. This bill is supportive of State efforts to raise awareness of the relationship between energy conservation and environmental health. As you know, the State has committed to the development of comprehensive climate protection plan through the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this information as you review SJ 6. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or <u>lnissley@mde.state.md.us</u> if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Nissley

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