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The Honorable Peter A. Hammen, Chairperson  
Members of the House Government Operations Committee  
House Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21403

Re: Letter of Support, House Bill 1045: State Government - Commemorative Days - Earth Hour

Dear Delegate Hammen and Committee Members:

As the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Maryland Department of the Environment supports HB 1045. This bill is representative of the State's goal to change the energy consumption habits that have contributed to climate change, and allows this goal to be celebrated appropriately during Earth Hour. As you know, the State has committed its own comprehensive climate protection effort through the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review HB 1045. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or [lnissley@mde.state.md.us](mailto:lnissley@mde.state.md.us) if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

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