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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Chairperson  
Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, Senate Bill 224: Real Property - Restrictions - Clotheslines or Other Similar  
Laundry Drying Devices

Dear Senator Frosh and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment supports SB 224. This bill will allow greater flexibility for the use of clotheslines in lieu of electric and natural gas driers, and is therefore supportive of the State's climate protection goals. When citizens take steps in their own homes to conserve energy, they are helping the State stay on track to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 25 percent by 2020, a target mandated by 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 these issues as you review SB 224. 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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