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The Honorable Dereck Davis, Chairman
Members of the House Economic Matters Committee
House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, Senate Bill 355: Energy Companies- Net Energy Metering- Payment for
Accrued Generation Credit

Dear Delegate Davis and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment would like to express its support for SB 355. This bill increases the incentive for Maryland citizens, businesses, and organizations to participate in net energy metering. Net energy metering has the potential to help the State expand upon its in-state production of energy and 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 this information as you review SB 355. 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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