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The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chairperson
Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21403

Re: Letter of Support, Senate Bill 455: Maryland Efficiency Standards Act- Televisions

Dear Senator Conway and Committee Members:

As the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Maryland Department of the Environment supports SB 455. The requirements of this bill help to reduce Maryland's emissions. 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.

Although our support stems from the bill's greenhouse gas reduction benefits, we recognize these reductions are a secondary benefit of the bill's primary purpose of energy conservation, which we also vigorously support.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review SB 455. 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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