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The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chairperson  
Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support: SB 50- Electric Companies, Net Energy Metering; SB 355- Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - Payment for Accrued Generation Credit; and SB 537 Energy Companies - Net Energy Metering - Credit Transfers

Dear Senator Middleton and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment would like to express its support for SB 50, SB 355, and SB 537. Although these bills focus on financial aspects of net energy metering, they have the effect of improving the incentives for Maryland citizens, businesses, and organizations to participate in net energy metering. This process has the potential to increase in-state production of energy and help 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 bills such as SB 50, SB 355, and SB 537. 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,

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Legislative Liaison

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