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Delegate Dereck E. Davis
Chair, Economic Matters
Room 231
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Re: House Bill 561 Electric Industry - Community Choice Energy

Dear Chair Davis and Committee Members:

On February 4, 2020 the City Council voted to support HB 561 which would allow local governments to aggregate and procure electric power on behalf of residents and businesses. This process is often referred to as "Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and it has been implemented in a number of states and localities. CCAs can increase consumer choice and lower the retail price of electricity for consumers. Additionally, it can enable communities to more quickly shift their electricity power sources to green power.

HB 561 protects consumers by requiring local government aggregators to develop and publish a detailed aggregation plan and to provide notice to participants. The Public Service Commission must approve the plan, as well as establish additional standards and procedures to protect consumer rights.

On behalf of the City Council and our residents, I respectfully request your support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Wojahn
Mayor

cc: Maryland 21st District Delegation