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BILL NO.: **SB 315**

TITLE: Electric Industry – Community Choice Energy

SPONSOR: Senator Beidle

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 25, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 315 – Electric Industry – Community Choice Energy. The proposed legislation authorizes a county, a municipality, or a group of either to form a “community choice aggregator” beginning in October 2021 and mandate that the Public Service Commission (PSC) adopt related regulations by July 2021.

Under this legislation, local governments are granted more agency over where and how they get their energy. Counties and municipalities would be provided with an enhanced mechanism to coordinate energy purchasing efforts, effectively providing these governing bodies broader negotiating abilities and consumer protections. Given the pressing need to move toward clean energy alternatives, SB 315 could also play a role in reducing the carbon footprint of local jurisdictions.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 351. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.