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THE HONORABLE DERECK E. DAVIS, CHAIR & DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE  
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The Mountain Loggers Group would like to offer our support for Senate Bill 549/House Bill 682. However, it is imperative to include the clarifying amendments proposed by the Maryland Forests Association and the Association of Forest Industries that promote the clear inclusion of wood products as “qualifying biomass.”

Wood biomass is an important and underrated feature of the logging community. Maryland recently experienced a sizeable loss of industry with the Verso paper mill shutdown. Many smaller operations suffered, which highlighted the necessity of diversity in the market. Including the proposed amendments would not only encourage market diversification but would also allow the industry to further contribute to Maryland's green power initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Danny Sines

President, Mountain Loggers Group