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House Bill 1435

Renewable Energy - Net Energy Metering Aggregation, Solar Renewable Energy Credits, and Taxes on Solar Energy Generating Systems (Brighter Tomorrow Act)

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To: House Economic Matters Committee

Position: **Favorable**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** HB 1435, the Brighter Tomorrow Act.

In 2019, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which set ambitious goals for renewable energy development in Maryland, including a requirement that 14.5 percent of our Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard be achieved from solar generation by 2030. Recently, Governor Moore articulated an even more ambitious goal of reaching 100% clean energy by 2035.

In the 2023 Session, CBF supported SB 469, a bill introduced by Senator Elfreth to create a task force to offer comprehensive recommendations for incentives to develop solar on preferred siting of rooftops, parking lots, brownfields, and as part of an agrivoltaic installation. HB 1435 advances several key recommendations from the Task Force to Study Solar Incentives.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 1435.

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