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TO

The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Commission on Sustainability (CoS) The CoS has reviewed the **City Council Bill 14-0161R** Baltimore City's Current and Future Solar and Other Renewable Energy Plans.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009, and the Climate Action Plan (CAP), adopted on November 29, 2012 by Planning Commission:

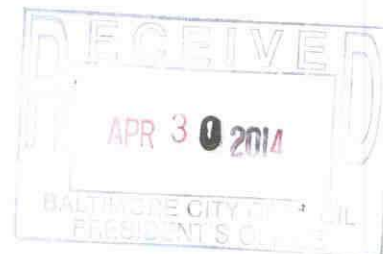
- Sustainability Plan, Pollution Prevention Goal 1: Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 15% by the year 2015.
- Sustainability Plan, Resource Conservation Goal 1: Reduce energy usage by 15% by the year 2015.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), ESS1: Reduce energy consumption of existing buildings.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), ESS2: Promote the generation of renewable energy.

CCB 14-0161R will assist in creating a more sustainable Baltimore and a more resilient City by advocating and promoting for the installation of renewable energy in the City, specifically solar energy installations. The Commission on Sustainability has reviewed the proposed zoning in Transform, and supports the zoning code updates for solar as stated in the Transform legislation. The Commission on Sustainability, through its various activities and channels, is also highly engaged and aware of solar projects (proposed and active) that the City School System, City Government, private sector companies, and individuals are implementing.

Solar installations in the City of Baltimore are appropriate for both ground-mounted, and roof-top mounted applications. These should not be restricted, because in doing so, it would restrict the amount of total solar that can be installed within the City, and create environmental justice inequities regarding access to solar.

The Commission on Sustainability supports this resolution and supports the work of the City and Baltimore City Schools to advance renewable energy. The Commission encourages a favorable response by the City Council.

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