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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 14-0161R introduced by Council Members Henry, Kraft, Stokes, Mosby, Cole, Holton, Spector, Clarke, Middleton, Branch, Scott, President Young, Council Members Curran and Reisinger.

The purpose of the Resolution is to reiterate the Council’s support for the City’s stated policy of promoting the use of solar and other renewable energy and inviting representatives from the agencies best positioned to implement that policy to appear before it to discuss Baltimore’s current and future solar and other renewable energy plans.

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan has as its energy goals for City government to reduce electric energy use 15% by 2015, increase renewable energy 20% by 2022, and reduce petroleum consumption by the City fleet 20% by 2017. The Plan further states the City should “strive to increase both small and large scale renewable energy sources to a capacity of 50MW by 2020.” One of the goals of the Baltimore Climate Action Plan is to promote the generation of renewable energy in the City, both in the public and private sector.

The Energy Office works closely with government, nonprofits, residents and businesses to produce energy savings throughout the City. The goal is to displace fossil energy use and reduce overall energy cost and consumption. Renewable energy is part of the Energy Office portfolio. Two examples of renewable energy projects were installed at the City’s Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant. A 1MW solar field was located on available land and a 3MW combined heat and power plant that uses digester gas generated by the treatment plant processes are both generating electricity at this City facility. A fact sheet is attached that outlines some of the renewable energy efforts already underway.

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Representatives of the Energy Office will attend the hearing on City Council Resolution 14-0161R to discuss the plans and opportunities for expanding the use of renewable energy with the City Council.

Respectfully,



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DIRECTOR

Attachment

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