

# Testimony on Baltimore City Budget

Request for study of the energy efficiency of Baltimore City Buildings.

Honorable Council Members,

Today you will hear many requests for more money for programs to help the citizens and businesses of Baltimore. You may have to say no to funding worthy programs because you don't have enough money in the budget.

But what if your energy costs were lower? Wouldn't that allow you to spend more money on the programs that will benefit Baltimore?

What if your greenhouse gas emissions were lower? Wouldn't that clean the air and help our citizens breath easier and live longer?

I am asking the council to study the energy efficiency of Baltimore City buildings and to investigate whether heat pumps, solar EV, and solar water heaters can help the City save energy, lower costs and greenhouse gas emissions. The efficiency of heat pumps and solar panels have increased over the past 10 years and these technologies offer a pathway to significantly lower the greenhouse gas emissions in Baltimore City.

No one wants to pay more money for energy or pollute our air, so let's study our options so that in future Tax Day hearings there will be more money to fund important programs for Baltimore.

Best wishes,

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