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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #17-0112 – Assignment of Qualified Energy Conservation Bond Allocation		

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**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

September 6, 2017

The Commission on Sustainability is in receipt of City Council Bill #17-0112, for the purpose of assigning the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore's allocation of the national bond volume cap for the qualified energy conservation bonds to the Maryland Clean Energy Center to finance solar electric projects for low-income residents located in the City; and setting a special effective date.

This bill would increase the ability of the Baltimore Shines Program (City Department of Housing and Community Development) to use the Federal Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds as a funding source in partnership with the Maryland Clean Energy Center, without increasing the debt burden of the City. As such, the intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Resource Conservation Goal 1: Reduce Baltimore's energy use by 15% by 2015
  - Strategy C: Increase renewable energy generation in Baltimore City

Furthermore, the Bill also addresses the following goal of the Baltimore Climate Action Plan as approved by City Planning Commission on November 29, 2012:

- Energy Savings and Supply Strategy 2: Promote generation of renewable energy

As the executive staff to the Commission on Sustainability, I have consulted with current Commissioners and recommend approval of City Council Bill #17-0112.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-396-8360.

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