

FW: B-1 and B-2 proposals

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From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 2:49 PM**To:** Climate <Climate@montgomerycountymd.gov>**Subject:** B-1 and B-2 proposals**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

As I previewed your intended proposals for the Montgomery County, MD Climate Action Plan (B-1 and B-2) I was sad to NOT see any references that emphasizes nor recognizes the impact on the interests of small businesses who are the backbone employers of the country's economy – which are hearth dealers and the HVAC contractors. This kind of initiative has the potential to destroy these small businesses and all of the skilled, trained and certified people who are employed there. When these businesses vanish – who will service the existing hearth and HVAC products that you are stamping out or sweep the chimneys in the existing structures thus preventing residential fires and the catastrophic losses that often result? For some perspective, my current customer database services 9,753 homes. And we are just one of thousands of businesses in direct conflict with your initiatives.

While I acknowledge your 3 objectives: restriction of energy choice, energy reliability and resilience and increased consumer costs – but what of the businesses that your intended proposals negatively impacts? I was thinking that your organization was in existence to help protect and promote our business interests as well. I would love to see us in that protected and endangered species list.

Sincerely,

Thank you so much for your business. We honor and value it greatly.

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