



September 9, 2025

Testimony to the Montgomery County Council in Support of Bill 27-25  
to Establish Community Choice Aggregation Electricity in Montgomery County

Dear Council President Stewart and County Councilmembers,

The Montgomery County Sierra Club strongly supports Bill 27-25 (Environmental Sustainability - Community Choice Aggregation - Established) and urges its prompt adoption.

In 2021, Montgomery County committed to establishing a new, cost-effective, and equitable way for county residents to meet our electricity needs, known as community choice aggregation (CCA), by obtaining local legislation from the Maryland General Assembly to establish a CCA pilot program in the County. CCA will enable county residents to pool our electricity requirements and the corresponding rate payments, and have the County employ this substantial purchasing power to buy electricity for county residents from a favorable source, considering factors such as cost and the environmental characteristics of the energy source.

CCA, in particular, provides a powerful tool for the County to meet its ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals by enabling county residents to obtain electricity from a clean, renewable source. Indeed, that is why CCA is the number one energy action in the County's Climate Action Plan. CCA has been successfully implemented in eight other states, and Maryland is examining its efficacy through this Montgomery County pilot.

Implementing CCA is a several step process. The Public Service Commission (PSC) completed the first step by adopting CCA regulations. The County participated in the PSC regulatory process and, in so doing, reaffirmed its support for CCA. The CCA state law now requires the County to adopt implementing legislation, which is the bill that is before you. This bill will enable the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a CCA business plan, known as the Aggregation Plan, that will address many of the CCA operational details. Once developed, the Plan will be transmitted back to the County Council and then submitted to the PSC for approval.

The Sierra Club has supported the County throughout this process, including submitting supportive testimony to the General Assembly in 2021 and comments to the PSC regarding the regulations. We look forward to continuing this support with regard to the development and approval of the Aggregation Plan, and then assisting in educating County ratepayers regarding the advantages of participating in CCA.

Thank you.