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VIA EMAIL

Montgomery County, Maryland Government
101 Monroe Street
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RE: Montgomery County Climate Action Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. (“Suburban Propane”) writes in support of the Mid-Atlantic Propane Gas Association’s (“MAPGA”) February 26, 2021 letter opposing actions B-1 and B-2 of Montgomery County’s Climate Action Plan. Further, we urge the County to consider using propane in its strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, and we would welcome the opportunity to meet and further discuss our carbon-reduction investment and initiatives in this space.

Suburban Propane has been serving customers for more than 90 years and is the nation’s third-largest propane retailer with operations in 41 states. In Maryland, Suburban Propane distributes propane to more than 48,000 customers and employs over 130 people at 25 locations throughout the state.

Suburban Propane recognizes the need to reduce the nation’s carbon footprint and improve overall air quality. Propane is an important fuel that can address both priorities. Through our Go Green with Suburban Propane initiative, we are committed to investing in the next generation of even cleaner, less carbon-intensive propane, including propane fuel blends and renewable propane.

As written, the Climate Action Plan relies mainly on electrification for buildings and transportation. As stated in MAPGA’s February 26 letter, this would threaten energy reliability and resilience in Montgomery County. Residents and businesses will be more susceptible to blackout and brownouts, especially in times of extreme weather and natural disasters. Not only is propane a dependable energy source, it is also cleaner than other fuels, such as fuel oil and gasoline, and abundant. It is the ideal bridge fuel that can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions now while reliable, long-term renewable energy technologies are being developed.

For the reasons above, we support MAPGA’s February 26 letter and urge Montgomery County to incorporate propane use in its strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

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Suburban Propane Partners, L.P.