

February 22, 2011

Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support Senate Bill 261, "Commercial Buildings - Disclosures"

Dear Chairman Frosh and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join in the support of Senate Bill 261, "Commercial Buildings - Disclosures."

SB 261, "Commercial Buildings – Disclosures" will require an owner or operator of a privately owned commercial building of more than 10,000 square feet to disclose the energy benchmarking of their commercial building. The bill will allow a purchaser or lessee to rescind their contract if the current owner or operator fails to provide an energy benchmark disclosure statement.

Energy benchmarking indicates whether a building is improving or declining in their energy performance. By disclosing the energy benchmarks of commercial buildings, SB 261, will help our state move toward more energy efficient buildings.

We wish to thank Senator Frosh for his leadership, the committee for its consideration, and respectfully request a favorable report.