

CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
C/o Department of Environmental Services 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 705
Arlington, VA 22201

October 25, 2022

Honorable Katie Cristol, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Establishment of Consumer Choice Aggregation

Dear Chair Cristol,

As planning begins for the FY-2023-2024 Budget and the use of FY 2022-2023 carryover funds, the Climate Change, Energy and Environment Commission urges the County Board to prioritize funding to explore establishment of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) as an important step to meet the County's goals for renewable energy and carbon emission reductions and address equity and diversity priorities. Loudoun County has conducted an initial [feasibility study](#) and [continues](#) to explore creating a CCA, and Fairfax County and Alexandria have indicated interest as well.

CCAs are entities that counties and other political jurisdictions can create that purchase electricity for residents, businesses and government needs while the utility (i.e. Dominion) continues to deliver the electricity to users. CCAs can reduce electricity bills for consumers and provide a clear pathway to achieving and even accelerating Arlington's goal for electricity powered by 100 percent renewable energy by 2035. Fees generated could also support energy efficiency, rooftop solar, grid resiliency, and other programs.

With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act and other federal and state programs, now is the ideal time for Arlington to pursue this mechanism to accelerate implementation of the Community Energy Plan and set Arlington on a path to rapidly reducing its carbon emissions in line with what is necessary to avoid the worst consequences of climate change.

Sincerely,



Joan McIntyre
Chair, Climate Change, Energy and Environment Commission