

**CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**

**c/o Department of Environmental Services  
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 705  
Arlington, VA 22201**

April 15, 2023

Honorable Libby Garvey, Chair  
Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201

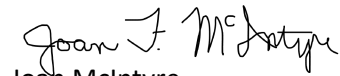
Re: Solar Tax Exemption Letter

Dear Chair Garvey:

The Climate Change, Energy, and Environment Commission (C2E2) strongly supports the enactment of the proposed Amended Section 20.9-1 of the Arlington County Code to provide an exemption from real estate taxes for certified solar energy equipment, facilities and devices. Passage of this ordinance will demonstrate the commitment of Arlington County to encouraging the private installation of solar energy equipment, and so contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change.

C2E2 commends County staff, including the Department of Environmental Services, the County Attorney's Office, Treasurer's Office, and the Chief Building Official for their initiative in preparing the proposed ordinance and the associated materials. We encourage the AIRE Team and other County departments to widely advertise and promote the availability of this tax exemption to the public.

Sincerely,



Joan McIntyre

Chair, Climate Change, Energy and Environment Commission

CC: Mark Schwartz, County Manager  
Bill Eger, Chief Climate Coordinator  
Greg Emanuel, Director Environmental Services  
Ryan Samuel, Deputy County Attorney  
Derek Dubbe, Treasurer's Office  
Shahriar Amiri, Chief Building Official  
Demetra McBride, Bureau Chief Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management