



September 14, 2019

Arlington County Board Members

Mr. Christian Dorsey, Chair

Ms. Libby Garvey, Vice Chair

Ms. Katie Cristol

Mr. Matt de Ferranti

Mr. Erik Gutshall

2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Arlington County Board Members:

We are writing to commend you on the proposed update to the Community Energy Plan (CEP). We are very pleased with the updated plan and its goals including a 2050 emissions goal to achieve carbon neutrality and a community renewable energy goal of 100% by 2035. The elevation of energy equity is also admirable and should help ensure that all residents benefit from the transition. We also look forward to the exciting but hard work of implementing this ambitious plan and are very pleased to continue to support this work through our ongoing partnership working with the Arlington County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management and the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation.

As the County works on the plan, we hope the County Board will work to ensure that the goals of the CEP are reflected in all aspects of county decisionmaking. Some important elements we would like to see are that all new construction and major renovations meet zero carbon emission standards, the existing tree canopy is protected and ultimately expanded, and the multi-modal transportation system is enhanced to meet the needs of those who live, play, and work in Arlington while reducing traffic congestion.

Thanks to the County's commitment to date and for their work developing and implementing our Community Energy Plan. We are proud to live in a county known for its progressive policies toward the environment and are confident that the Arlington will regain its role as a regional and national leader.

Sincerely,

Joan McIntyre, Chair, EcoAction Arlington Board of Directors

Elenor Hodges, Executive Director, EcoAction Arlington