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**Maryland Clean Energy Center
Site Selection Committee
Board of Directors
1623 Forest Drive, Suite 300
Annapolis, Maryland 21403**

**Re: Support for Maryland Clean Energy Center to Establish
Headquarters in Frederick County**

Dear Members of the Site Selection Committee:

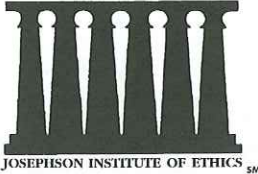
On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, I would like to fully endorse the "Frederick County: A Crossroads for Clean Energy" proposal that our staff members and the County's Clean Energy Committee have prepared for your review. On January 27th, 2009, the Commissioners voted unanimously in support of establishing the headquarters of the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) in Frederick County. We have committed staff and technical resources to this endeavor, as well as provided a vast partner network and potential infill parcel for your consideration.

In only two years, we have initiated energy conservation, waste reduction, growth management and environmental protection programs that have implemented real, positive change in our community. We established an Office of Environmental Sustainability under the County Manager to coordinate environmental policy and program development. We signed the U. S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and set a goal to reduce non-renewable energy consumption by 50 percent in 15 years. We implemented the largest (by area) single-stream recycling program in the state and are performing energy audits on County facilities. A Green Collar Jobs Fair is scheduled for Earth Day 2009.

We acknowledge the larger, transformative role we can play by accelerating clean energy production and developing green collar jobs. As you can see from our strong, diverse list of supporters and partners, there is serious momentum in the County to elevate the principles of sustainability – a healthy environment, resilient economy and livable communities.

Frederick County is extremely committed to the environment, economy and community and is anxious to work with the MCEC to facilitate the growth of the green economy in Maryland. We assure you that suitable space will be available locally as the MCEC headquarters' growth plans are more clearly defined and budgeted.

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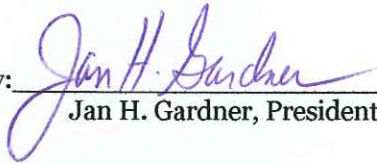
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We look forward to your decision and appreciate your consideration of our Crossroads for Clean Energy proposal. If there is any way Frederick County can assist you in the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hilari Varnadore, Director of the Office of Environmental Sustainability, at 301-600-7414 or me at 301-600-3190.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
Jan H. Gardner, President

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