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The Honorable Anthony G. Brown
Attorney General of Maryland
Office of the Attorney General
200 St. Paul Place
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RE: Recommendation for reappointment of David Lapp as People's Counsel

Dear Attorney General Brown,

On behalf of myself and Sierra Club's 16,000 members in Maryland, I am writing to voice our strong support for David Lapp's rehiring as People's Counsel.

Under his management, OPC has provided a clear and consistent voice for the people during a tumultuous period of time. David and his team operate with the utmost professionalism. In proceedings they provide informed legal review and data-based assessment that, oftentimes, has surpassed what was available from the Public Service Commission itself.

Mr. Lapp's team provides incredibly important information to the public about their rights as consumers, offers fact sheets and information about important proceedings, and provides basic support like helping people understand their bills.

His office is a dogged defender of the Maryland consumer, engaging not only at the Commission level, but participating in cases at PJM and FERC, where many important decisions are made that impact Maryland consumers. David's advocacy helped save ratepayers millions of dollars through their engagement in BGE and Pepco ratecases, and he elevated potential impacts of multi-year rate-making. This sophisticated and effective intervention on behalf of ratepayers has defined David's leadership throughout his tenure as People's Counsel. Last year when LIHEAP funds were frozen during a federal shut down, David asked the PSC to halt shutoffs through the winter, helping protect more than 125,000 Maryland households that rely on energy assistance. OPC's analysis of future gas rates brought to light significant and costly system investments that deserved more scrutiny.

Maryland Sierra Club engages with OPC in many proceedings, and while we do not always align, OPC makes evidence-based legal arguments and provides data to back up their positions, providing

for the most productive dialogue. Oftentimes their research and experts offer the most substantive analysis on a proceeding.

There is a steep learning curve for any new People's Counsel and it takes time to build relationships and trust, let alone the confidence and knowledge to operate in an unstable and rapidly changing energy and federal landscape. In David Lapp we have a strong and proven People's Counsel with long institutional memory and relevant experience. In our view, reappointing David Lapp as People's Counsel for another term puts us in the strongest position going forward, and we strongly recommend it.

Sincerely,



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