



Montgomery County Council

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LEVENTHAL, CLEAN ENERGY ADVOCATES TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY "CLEAN ENERGY AWARDS" PROGRAM

Clean energy advocates will be joined by Councilmember George Leventhal tomorrow at a 12 noon news conference at the County Council in support of a proposed awards program to rebate a portion of County energy taxes paid by those who use clean energy.

"County residents who use clean, renewable energy help conserve fossil fuels and combat global warming," said Councilmember Leventhal. "They pay about two-and-a-half cents more per kilowatt hour over standard rates and they pay the County's energy tax. This program would give them about half a cent per kilowatt hour back – just about the equivalent of the County's energy tax."

Leventhal estimated that perhaps 2000 to 3000 County residents could be eligible for the awards program and would receive either a direct County payment of up to \$60 per year or the same amount credited against their utility bills. Wind power, energy from landfill gas, and solar energy are among the energy sources that would be eligible for the rewards program.

Leventhal will be joined by Mike Tidwell of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Larry Gibson of Keepers of the Mountain, Rabbi Daniel Schwartz, Dr. Gina Angiola, and Kevin Rackstraw of Clipper Wind Power.

The Council's public hearing on the proposed program will follow at 1:30 PM.

When: Tuesday, February 1 12 noon

Where: In front of County Council Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville (in case of inclement weather, 6th Floor Conference Room) # # #

