



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2011

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stella Koch, Chairman *Stella M. Koch*
Environmental Quality Advisory Council

SUBJECT: EQAC support for Sierra Club recommendation regarding cable TV set-top boxes

At the March 9, 2011 meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Council, EQAC reviewed a draft letter that had been prepared by the Great Falls Group of the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club in regard to energy consumption by cable TV set-top boxes. The letter, which is attached in its final form, requested that the Board of Supervisors ask cable TV providers in the county to voluntarily adopt the ENERGY STAR Program for Cable Service Providers and to begin implementing this program in 2011. The request to the cable TV providers would ask them to respond back to the Board within 60 days.

At the March 9 meeting, EQAC endorsed the Sierra Club letter by a unanimous vote of the members present. EQAC feels that this recommendation from the Board could lead to a reduction in energy bills for consumers and a significant drop in county greenhouse gas emissions, at no cost to the county.

Thank you for your consideration.

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