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The Honorable Ronald N. Young
Executive Nominations Committee
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SUPPORT HJ0001 Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Implementation of a Climate
Mobilization Effort

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Secular Americans believe that policy should be driven by reason, evidence, and science. Unfortunately, this common sense approach to policy is sometimes rejected by elected or appointed government lawmakers and executives who are on record rejecting the scientific consensus on climate change. Given this regrettable context state governments should pass this declaration to clearly affirm that we reject such denialism

The science is clear. Climate change is real. With a strong consensus among climate scientists that humans are contributing to climate change and a dangerous rise in sea level that puts our communities and the world at risk, to deny the science is to deny responsibility for future generations and the future of our planet. With a shocking number of elected officials denying the science behind climate change, it is critical that we stand up for science and make it clear that we expect more from our lawmakers. There is room for disagreement about the best way to address climate change, but conversations cannot obtain remedies until policymakers acknowledge the reality of climate change.