

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL SB0135 - FAVORABLE
Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act

TO: Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and
members of the Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committee

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Maryland has long been on the forefront of climate responsibility, and has made excellent strides towards reducing its carbon footprint. Unfortunately, recent studies show that our current level of effort is insufficient to avoid the worst effects of climate change.¹ As the global situation grows more dire, urgent and powerful action is needed.

This bill will provide a vital acceleration of Maryland's green energy plans. Net-negative carbon emissions is a laudable goal and should be the benchmark for any new law attempting to limit the effects of climate disasters.

Ultimately it is our descendants who will bear the consequences of climate change. This bill represents the best chance at providing them with a safer and more prosperous planet. I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report for SB 135. Thank you.

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/09/climate/climate-change-report-ipcc-un.html>