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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Testimony prepared for the
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
and
Budget and Taxation Committee
on
Senate Bill 135
February 15, 2022
Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to urge a public commitment to averting climate disaster. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community in three ELCA synods in every part of our State.

The ELCA identified greenhouse gases as environmental pollutants because of deleterious effects on climate in 1993. ("Caring for Creation," ELCA 1993 assembly)

We support accelerating the measure of and the rate at which GGRs are achieved because the rate of climate change is exceeding previous calculations.

We support more restrictive allowances for greenhouse gas emissions.

We support **Senate Bill 135** and implore a favorable report.

Lee Hudson