



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Ben Barnes
Appropriations Committee

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: March 6, 2024

RE: **HB1220 - Maryland Clean Energy Center - Climate Technology Founder's Fund**

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on **HB1220 - Maryland Clean Energy Center - Climate Technology Founder's Fund**.

This bill was sponsored by Delegate Vogel and it would establish the Climate Technology Founder's Fund in the Maryland Clean Energy Center to invest in startups that are involved in the sectors addressing the climate change crisis, specifically the renewable energy, energy storage, grid modernization, carbon capture utilization and storage, and greenhouse gas reducing technological sectors.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and **recommends support and a favorable report of HB1220.**

Thank you,

Mike Rogers

Delegate Mike Rogers
House Chair, Veterans Caucus