



Committee: Budget & Taxation

Testimony on: SB 362 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024

Hearing Date: February 29, 2024

Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee,

Climate Partners is writing in support of a one-time \$90M allocation in the FY2025 Moore-Miller budget to implement the state's [Climate Pollution Reduction Plan](#).

The administration is committed to its goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2031 and achieving 100% clean energy by 2035.

At least 50 percent of the funding will help uplift communities that have been historically overburdened and underserved and will be put toward three initiatives:

- \$17 million for grants to purchase and lease electric school buses to serve Maryland public school students;
- \$23 million for grants to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in low and moderate income communities; and
- \$50 million for grants to electrify hospitals, schools, multi-family housing, and other community buildings.

We hope to see this funding as proposed in the final budget. Climate Partners looks forward to supporting these programs, and continuing to work with the Moore administration and the Maryland General Assembly to ensure the success of Maryland's ambitious climate agenda and the realization of a fully funded, effective climate strategy that benefits all Marylanders.

Signed,

CASA
Center for Progressive Reform
Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate Law & Policy Project
Climate Parents of Prince George's
Climate Reality Greater Maryland
Climate XChange
Elders Climate Action Maryland
Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane
Unitarian Universalist Church
Fix Maryland Rail

Howard County Climate Action
Institute for Market Transformation
Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVa)
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing
Mizrahi Family Charitable Fund
Potomac Riverkeeper Network
Progressive Maryland
Sierra Club Maryland Chapter
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

[Climate Partners](#) is a coalition of over one hundred environmental, faith, consumer advocacy and social justice organizations focused on ensuring equitable implementation of the Climate Solutions Now Act (CSNA). The coalition formed in 2021 to support the passage of bold climate legislation, engaging thousands of Marylanders to contribute their voice to this critical conversation. Climate Partners believes that robust public participation is essential for the development and implementation of equitable climate policy.