

Decreased greenhouse gas emissions will improve our climate, environment, property, and health. With better building energy conservation and the use of highly efficient heat pumps, consumers would pay far less for heat and hot water than they do now. The Governor's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan estimates that the average Maryland family would save \$2600 each year by adopting heat pumps. This is particularly important for lower-income households, which are often overburdened both by housing costs and energy costs

Maryland residents want effective and fair climate policies. The policies put forth by the Better Buildings Act help ensure we build things with emissions in mind moving forward. The Maryland Chapters of Citizens Climate Lobby urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB1023.

Respectfully submitted,

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