



**Committee:** Environment and Transportation  
**Testimony on:** HB130 - Department of General Services - State Buildings and Facilities - Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions  
**Organization:** Mizrahi Family Charitable Fund  
**Submitting:** Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi, co-founder/director  
**Position:** Favorable  
**Hearing Date:** January 31, 2024

Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing my testimony today in support of HB130. My name is Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi. Our family lives here in Annapolis where we have faced flooding multiple times. I serve on the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and am co-founder/director of the Mizrahi Family Charitable Fund which supports nonprofit organizations.

I urge you to support this bill because climate change is a massive risk to all the people and property of our great state -- and this bill is a vital part of the solution.

I previously founded and led a Maryland headquartered disability nonprofit. **There are more than 669,000 disabled people living in Maryland and they are at extreme risk from climate change.** Indeed, people with underlying health conditions are more susceptible to death from extreme heat or cold. Additionally, when the power goes off during storms, people who rely on oxygen can't breathe, and people who use power wheelchairs can't move. When there is flooding, fires, or extreme wind, people with disabilities often cannot evacuate in time, or have no place to go that has the appropriate disability accessibility.

This bill builds on solid climate work being done at other levels of government. For example, at the Federal level the Government Services Administration has offered a toolkit of solutions. See <https://sftool.gov>. Companies in Europe, Canada and other places are using services from companies such as [Greenly](#), [Persefoni](#), and [Watershed](#) to help measure specific progress on their environmental impact. We can and should hold our own state government accountable as well. This bill will help us do that. I urge you to support it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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