



**Committee:** Environment and Transportation  
**Testimony on:** HB130-Department of General Services-State Buildings and Facilities - Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions  
**Organization:** Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing  
**Submitting:** Laurie McGilvray, Co-Chair  
**Position:** Favorable  
**Hearing Date:** January 31, 2024

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB130. The Maryland Legislative Coalition (MLC) Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of nearly 30 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB130.

According to the Maryland Department of the Environment, fuel use in buildings accounts for 16% of total emissions in the state.<sup>1</sup> State buildings are included in this calculation. Maryland should set an example and lead the way in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from its buildings. This bill demonstrates the state's leadership in addressing climate change, while also making a real contribution toward GHG emission reduction.

HB130 strengthens the GHG emission reduction goals for state buildings from 10 % to 20% and extends the timeframe by two years (from 2029 to 2031). The bill also requires the Maryland Green Building Council, on or before October 1, 2024, to update the High-Performance Green Building Program to align with the State's goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. HB130 also requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to identify state-owned facilities that are potential candidates for energy savings performance contracts, and to work with state agencies on such contracts. Finally, the bill includes provisions for building audits and data collection on energy use and GHG emissions to be used in implementing energy conservation projects in state buildings. DGS must report on annual progress to the Governor.

We recommend a **FAVORABLE** report for HB130 in committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Maryland Department of the Environment. [“Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Maryland: A Progress Report.”](#) Sept. 2022, page 6.

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Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility  
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