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To: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

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Re: SB 912 Environment – Climate Crisis and Education Act

MAPDA opposes SB 912. The legislation is beyond complicated by establishing a huge new tax, special funds and converting the Department of Environment into a “state version” of the IRS.

Passage of the bill will have an immediate negative impact to Maryland’s economy.

1. This is a huge tax proposal that will impact every homeowner, hospital, college, and business from the time the morning light switch is turned on; room temperature adjusted; to the preparation of a BBQ dinner on the grill. The calculations are enormous.
2. The impact on seniors and fixed-income residents is overpowering. Waiting for refunds, rebates or tax returns will not work for them.
3. Additionally, the bill contains a provision that seeks to prohibit the “passing along” of the carbon tax. The effect of such a prohibition would mean a short order bankruptcy of many independent business owners across Maryland.

We request and unfavorable report.

Feeding and fueling the economy through gas, coffee, food, heating oil and propane.

MAPDA is an association of convenience stores and energy distributors in Maryland, Delaware & the District of Columbia.