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TO: Senate Finance Committee

FROM: NFIB – Maryland

DATE: February 19, 2020

RE: **OPPOSE SENATE BILL 926** – Climate Solutions Act of 2020 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act

On behalf of Maryland's small businesses, NFIB-Maryland opposes Senate Bill 926 – legislation that would expedite the State's current greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets and eventually achieve net-zero emissions by 2045.

Our members are concerned about the implied costs of SB926's acceleration towards net-zero greenhouse gas emissions before various markets make such GHG reducing technology more affordable than current options.

The small business community has been a partner in combatting GHG emissions in various ways, but it is done mostly at the discretion of what each small business can afford to do. Our State's small employers must have access to proven means of electricity and transportation that are both cost effective and reliable.

Those anticipated costs for more expensive technology are the reason **NFIB must oppose SB926** and requests an unfavorable report.