

Dear Senator

Paul Pinsky

I urge you to support these four important climate bills this session:

- SB 926 Climate Solutions Act
- SB 315 Community Choice Energy (CCE),
- SB 560 Ending Subsidies for Incineration, and
- SB 656 Public Service Commission Climate Test.

With several "one hundred year" floods in Ellicott City, disappearing islands in the Chesapeake and five of the ten warmest years on record having occurred since 2000, we know Maryland is vulnerable to climate change. The science tells us that we have just 12 years to cut emissions in half globally. The Climate Solutions Act will bring Maryland in line with the science by cutting its greenhouse emissions 60% by 2030. With Community Choice Energy, clean energy can become the default rather than our current default which relies heavily on fossil fuels. There is nothing "green" or "clean" about trash incineration which produces more carbon dioxide, mercury, particulate emissions and dioxin per unit of energy produced than burning coal; we must stop subsidizing it. All state agencies should be considering climate change but it is particularly critical that the PSC consider climate change in its regulation of the electricity sector.

Climate change will not wait; we need to pass these bills now!

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