



**TESTIMONY FOR HB1526  
TRANSPORTATION CARBON REDUCTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (TRANSPORTATION  
CARBON FUND ACT)**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Korman

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1526 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state. We have over 30,000 members across the state.

Our Coalition members are very supportive of and agree with the goals of the Transportation Climate Initiative. We also support the establishment of a Transportation and Carbon Reduction Fund to segregate the funds received from the TCI as well as the establishment of a TCI Workgroup to figure out the most productive ways in which to spend TCI funds.

We need someone focusing on the ways in which disadvantaged communities can benefit from a good transit and mobility plan that will help them get better access to jobs, provide environmental justice, and actually bring jobs into disadvantaged areas.

This is too important of an opportunity to do some real good in the state and we would want to put some good structures in place to make the most of that opportunity.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and we recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.