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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 1526

Dear Delegate Barve and Committee Members:

The College Park City Council voted to support HB 1526 during our February 25, 2020 meeting. This legislation will create a workgroup for a cap and invest program and explore the best opportunities for investment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. "Cap and invest" puts a limit on emissions and requires a penalty payment for pollution over the limit. The funds from those penalty payments are invested in climate friendly transportation options. Additionally, the workgroup will explore options to facilitate biking and walking and to address pedestrian fatalities.

Transportation is currently the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, and we must significantly reduce these emissions to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. HB 1526 will help develop the best options to reduce emissions and invest in climate-friendly transportation such as biking, walking, and mass transit. These investments create economic and health benefits, as well as environmental benefits.

On behalf of the City of College Park, I respectfully request your support for HB 1526.

Sincerely,

Patrick L. Wojahn
Mayor

cc: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
21st District Delegation