January 27, 2021

TO: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

RE: SB76 and HB33 Climate Crisis and Education Act

POSITION: SUPPORT HEARING DATE: Feb. 2, 2021

Most Distinguished Representative:

I have supported moving away from fossil fuels for a long time. Half of my home electricity is generated by a solar field. We need to get more serious about this effort. Especially with the previous nay-sayer in the White House, we need to catchup the Climate Change efforts.

Please support bills HB33 and SB76.

Establishing a Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment for certain purposes; establishing a greenhouse gas reduction target of 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2045; establishing a Climate Crisis Council to develop a plan to reach the reduction targets and submit it to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022; requiring the Council to have the plan verified in a certain manner; requiring a greenhouse gas pollution fee on all fossil fuels brought into the State for combustion in the State. Direct the collected pollution fees to the Kirwan Commission Education Fund.

Respectfully submitted

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