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BILL: SB0076
TITLE: Climate Crisis and Education Act
POSITION: SUPPORT
HEARING DATE: 2/2/2021
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation
SPONSOR: Senator Benjamin Kramer

Dear Members of the Committee,

I believe I speak for a great deal of students and young adults when I say the effects of climate change, knowingly or otherwise, influence a great deal of our decisions, worries, and anxieties on a daily basis. Now is the time to act to alleviate the consequences of climate change, and I ask you to consider SB0076. Maryland, a state that relies largely on its relationship with the Chesapeake and Atlantic Ocean, can't afford to be complacent and wait for solutions as water levels continue to rise. SB0076 provides the opportunity to place Maryland on the forefront of combating climate change, all the while enhancing the quality of life for state residents. Reinvesting fees collected by burning harmful fossil fuels will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60% in 2030 and place \$350 million into public education every year. I implore you to think of future generations of all Marylanders and consider supporting SB0076.

For these reasons and more, I, William Lemoine, from Climate-XChange Maryland urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB0076.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee