

February 16, 2021

COMMITTEE: House Economic Matters  
RE: HB33 Climate Crisis and Education Act  
POSITION: SUPPORT  
SPONSOR: Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo

Please support bills HB33 and SB76.

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 catch-up the Climate Change efforts.

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.

For these reasons and more I urge that HB 33 be FAVORABLY REPORTED.  
Respectfully submitted

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