

February 16th, 2021

BILL: HB0033
TITLE: Climate Crisis and Education Act
POSITION: SUPPORT
HEARING DATE: 2/18/2021
COMMITTEE: Economic Matters
SPONSOR: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo

Dear Members of the Committee,

I live in Chestertown, MD, where I see flooding on a regular basis, and soil erosion eating away at our land accumulatively every year. We don't have time to wait.

Farmers are losing their land due to salt water intrusion. Waterfront businesses are losing revenue due to flooding. Waterman's businesses are being affected by acidification of the Bay and water salination changes. Commercial and personal properties are devaluing at an alarming rate. Our economy is suffering and it is only going to get worse. We need a solution.

The Climate Crisis and Education Act is a win, win on all fronts. It incrementally rises the price of fossil fuels, a main cause of the greenhouse gas emissions changing our climate and these noted adverse effects. The funds collected will support the green infrastructure we need for a just transition and contribute to desperately needed funds for education in our State. Everyone wins.

For these **reasons** and more, I, Hope Clark, Chestertown Citizens' Climate Lobby Chapter Leader urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB0033.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Members of the Economic Matters