

Testimony in Support of SB414 – Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021

To: Senator Paul Pinsky, Chair, and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

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Please support SB414. The many steps that this bill takes are critical to Maryland's future. This bill will help to slow the impacts of climate change and save the lives of many throughout the state. The goals outlined in this bill will be challenging to reach, but they are both achievable and necessary. I greatly appreciate that this bill requires considerations for all green-house gasses including methane which is often overlooked. This will help to ensure true energy sustainability in Maryland, not only carbon neutrality.

I am 18 years old, and I am very concerned for what the future of the world will look like. Maryland has a lot to lose from climate change and it is only a matter of time before there is a crisis on our hands. I work in Historic Ellicott City where increased storm intensity and flooding over the last few years has taken lives and destroyed buildings. Please pass this bill to provide the possibility of a future for the residents of this state.

Please support SB 414. Thank you,

Alex Kohn