



Multi-faith Alliance of Climate Stewards (MACS)

Of Frederick County

C/o Middletown United Methodist Church

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Testimony on HB 583 –

HB 583: Climate Solutions Now Act

Environmental and Transportation Committee

Position: Favorable

Multi-faith Alliance of Climate Stewards (MACS) of Frederick County supports HB 583.

Congregations of many faith traditions all across Frederick County are taking action on the climate crisis because we are heartsick knowing that our climate pollution is hurting our neighbors, here and throughout the world.

It is simply not just that all of us, and especially communities of color, our elderly, and our young people, have paid the price for that pollution. Marylanders have paid for dirty energy with our health. We've paid when a disrupted climate exacerbates storms and brings flooding, like the damage to our roads and community organizations' facilities in the past five years.

That's why people of faith are taking action-installing solar panels on houses of worship and buying clean energy for our sacred spaces, planting trees in our communities to clean our air and absorb climate pollution, and changing our transportation habits by riding public transit and buying electric vehicles.

In houses of worship across our county, clergy and lay leaders are sharing the message that another world is possible, The Climate Solutions Now Act is a way, here in Maryland, to take a meaningful step towards making that vision more real.

Faith communities are acting for our common home, for our neighbors, and for a clean energy economy. We call on our legislators to do the same.

We urge the committee to give HB 583 a favorable report.

