



**TESTIMONY FOR HB1078
ATTORNEY GENERAL - CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS - AUTHORIZATION**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Terrasa

Committee: Health and Government Operations

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1078 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

This bill would allow the Attorney General's Office to investigate and prosecute any business that has contributed to climate change by fraudulently offering fossil fuels that they knew would produce greenhouse gases in quantities known to exacerbate climate change.

This ability to investigate and prosecute this type of fraud is currently dependent on permission from the Governor. Our members contend that this process of getting permission hamstring the Attorney General's Office in doing its job to protect the residents of Maryland.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.