

**Testimony of Andrew Hinz for
SB0228 – Maryland Corps - Revisions**

Budget and Taxation Committee Chair and Members,

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please vote favorably.

I fully support the testimony provide by the Sunrise Movement Baltimore thru Stephen Leas AND their proposed amendments.

I am a retired civil servant and am extremely active in advocating for immediate and just action to mitigate our worsening climate emergency, working with several grass roots organizations at the local, state, and federal level.

We have a health crisis in this country that is linked to the climate emergency. I work with young people in my climate activism—but you might ask your own children or young people with whom you are close. I lost a 29 year old child to fentanyl in 2017. I have no doubt the climate emergency was one of several factors contributing to the mental illness with which my child struggled.

Can we please take immediate action to stop failing our youth and our very future? This bill provides direct climate emergency mitigation, mental health, and energy justice *investments* that will result in immeasurable present and future benefit.

Again, thank you.

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