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Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chairman
and Members of the Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **HB 0171** Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act -- **OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Wilson and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women has serious concerns about the impact of both Maryland's current "climate change" law and the modifications proposed in HB 0171.

While reducing air and water pollution is an extremely important goal, we must also ensure the safety of our people and communities. Scare tactics and those screaming "the world will end in 12 years" too often cause more harm than good.

The environmental mandates and energy systems we put in place must be reliable and affordable. The only logical energy plan is a plan that includes all energy sources. We cannot forget recent lessons in energy planning when windmills and solar panels became inoperable in Texas due to ice storms. What would have happened had all the vehicles trapped for 16-hours on I-95 in Virginia this winter been electric?

Marylanders don't need mandates, more taxes, more bureaucracy, or more red tape. Instead of passing even more restrictive climate change legislation that pushes Maryland further into the "all-electric" single-source energy path, please pause and include low-pollution natural gas, propane and nuclear energy in Maryland's energy portfolio.

Maryland needs multiple sources of reliable energy and the implementation schedule needs more time, not less.

Please vote an **UNFAVORABLE** report for HB 0171.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
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