



City of
Salisbury
Jacob R. Day, Mayor

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Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs & Budget and Taxation

Testimony on: SB 528 – Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022

Position: Favorable

RE: Support For SB 528 – *Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022*

Dear Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation Committees,

As you consider the merits of **SB 528**, I ask that you **support** this vital legislation and vote to give **SB 528** a **Favorable** Committee report.

The City of Salisbury supports SB 528, which will prioritize statewide climate action. This bill is essential as it protects our environment by reducing greenhouse emissions, establishing a requirement for zero-emission state vehicle fleets, and creating a Maryland Climate Justice Corps Program.

More specifically, SB 528 will:

- Help Maryland to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045
- Create a Climate Catalytic Fund to promote environmental justice and leverage investment in technology development and deployment
- Develop strategies to foster climate equity and resilience within disproportionately affected communities

As the Capital of the Eastern Shore, residents of our city have first-hand experience in contending with the effects of climate change. Whether faced with soil erosion in our tidal areas or the heavy flooding that has become synonymous with major storms, although we remain versatile, we must take meaningful action as we respond to environmental hazards that threaten the health of our Eastern Shore. Here in Salisbury, we continue to promote environmental stewardship and sustainable practices through the transformative work of our Green Team, whose members work to develop projects and policies that foster an atmosphere of social and environmental responsibility across Salisbury and the Lower Eastern Shore.

This legislation, if enacted, would effectuate much-needed climate action that will benefit all Marylanders, positively impacting a variety of areas ranging from the environment to economic development. SB 528 will help us to take meaningful action as we seek to turn the tides of climate change while also pursuing climate equity.

I ask for your **support** of this critical climate action legislation.

Respectfully,

Jacob R. Day
Mayor