## <u>Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0528 – Climate Solutions Now Act</u> of 2022

Dear Chairman Pinsky and members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee,

The Protectors of the St Martin River supports the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 SB0528.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland is extremely susceptible to sea level rise caused by climate change and action is required now to limit human action impact on climate change. This bill proposes solutions which Maryland can now take to address climate change.

Our organization has undertaken numerous efforts to restore healthy waterways in the coastal bays of Maryland, through education of residents in critical areas as to environmentally sensitive land management and through an oyster gardening program to reduce excess nutrients in the coastal bays. The Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions will provide a significant contribution to the health and well-being of the coastal bays of Maryland.

Respectfully,

Joseph Jankowski, Director Protectors of the St Martin River