

**Committee: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs**

**Legislation: SB0471/HB 0729 Facilitating University Transformations by Unifying  
Reductions in Emissions**

**Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church**

**Position: Favorable**

**Hearing: February 15, 2022**

Dear Committee Chairperson and Committee Members,

The Environmental Justice Ministry supports this bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at public colleges and universities in the state of Maryland. This will aid the state's movement towards a carbon neutral future by 2035. It will also create an Environmental and Economic Justice scholarship fund for in-state students, establish Offices of Sustainability at each university that collaborate and lay the groundwork for a Sustainability General Education Requirement.

Please vote favorably for this bill.

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