



**Committee: Environment & Transportation**

**Testimony on: HB507 - Environment - Electric Vehicle Charging**

**Infrastructure - Environmental Justice Concerns**

**Organization: Climate Justice Wing of the Maryland Legislative Coalition**

**Submitting: Diana Younts, Co-Chair**

**Position: Favorable**

**Hearing Date: February 16, 2022**

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB507. The Maryland Legislative Coalition (MLC) Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of over 50 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB507.

HB507 imposes a just and simple requirement: It requires state officials to use environmental justice guidelines when selecting communities for the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Indeed, environmental justice guidelines should be required for all state decisions that affect the public.

We therefore request a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.

**MLC Climate Justice Wing:**

Assateague Coastal Trust

Maryland Legislative Coalition

MD Campaign for Environmental Human Rights

Chesapeake Climate Action Network

WISE

Frack Free Frostburg

Mountain Maryland Movement

Clean Water Action

Howard County Indivisible

Howard County Sierra Club

Columbia Association Climate Change and

Sustainability Advisory Committee

HoCo Climate Action

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Climate XChange - Maryland

Mid-Atlantic Field Representative/

National Parks Conservation Association

350 Montgomery County

Glen Echo Heights Mobilization

The Climate Mobilization Montgomery County

Montgomery County Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions

Montgomery Countryside Alliance  
Takoma Park Mobilization Environment  
Committee  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church  
Environmental Justice Ministry  
Coalition For Smarter Growth  
DoTheMostGood Montgomery County  
MCPS Clean Energy Campaign  
MoCo DCC  
Potomac Conservancy  
Casa de Maryland  
Nuclear Information & Resource Service  
Clean Air Prince Georges  
Laurel Resist  
Greenbelt Climate Action Network  
Maryland League of Conservation Voters  
Unitarian Universalist Legislative  
Ministry of Maryland  
Concerned Citizens Against Industrial CAFOs  
Wicomico NAACP  
Chesapeake Physicians for Social  
Responsibility  
Chispa MD  
Climate Law & Policy Project  
Maryland Poor People's Campaign  
Labor Network for Sustainability  
The Nature Conservancy  
Clean Air Prince Georges  
350 Baltimore  
Maryland Environmental Health Network  
Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis  
Talbot Rising  
Adat Shalom Climate Action  
Mid-Atlantic Earth Holders  
Climate Parents of Prince Georges  
Echotopia  
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