



**SB250 Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement**  
**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**  
**February 9, 2023**

**Position: Unfavorable**

**Background:** SB250 would require each county to prepare a climate crisis plan.

**Comments:** The Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) would urge against requiring climate crisis plans at the county level. The State has already taken steps to establish a plan in Maryland to address and offset the effects of climate change, and the addition of local plans would create a patchwork of policies with a variety of standards and compliance deadlines. The lack of consistent statewide policies creates burdens and confusion for multijurisdictional businesses. MRA understands the importance of addressing the oncoming climate crisis and would encourage the legislature to prioritize statewide plans with clear and consistent metrics based on comprehensive studies.

For these reasons, we would urge an unfavorable report on SB250. Thank you for your consideration.