

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 0250

Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement

TO: Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

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I support SENATE BILL 0250 establishing requirements for county Climate Crisis Plans.

Every single opportunity for both emissions reductions and climate resilience needs to be pursued in this looming climate crisis we have created for ourselves. We need action at every level of government, not just at the international, national, and state levels, but at the county and local levels as well. There are some counties in this state, like Dorchester, that will need to take dramatically different actions than others, like Baltimore City. Each of these jurisdictions *will* need a plan, and so it's a great idea to start requiring them.

For these reasons and more, I urge a favorable report on SENATE BILL 0250.

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