

**Committees:** Environment and Transportation

**Testimony on:** HB147, Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement

**Position:** Favorable

30 January 2022

Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and the members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

The University of Maryland – College Park, Student Government Association supports HB147 that requires each county in Maryland to prepare a climate crisis plan to address the effects of climate change.

I am a part of a generation that - for the first time in history - is not sure if we will see the ends of our natural lives. The future is no longer a certainty. Climate change has already taken an irreversible toll on Americans' lives across the country. Disastrous storms and natural disasters put families out of homes, leave people without food, and take lives. Change needs to be taken now. This burden is ours. This burden is my generation's. We must take action now, you must take action now.

By requiring each county within a state to create a plan to address climate change, we can ensure that local communities have the resources and support necessary to address this global challenge. This legislation would empower communities to develop and implement innovative solutions tailored to their specific needs, taking into account local conditions, resources, and priorities. Additionally, a county-level approach would allow for more efficient and effective use of resources, as well as greater collaboration and coordination among stakeholders. It is time for our leaders to take bold action to address the impacts of climate change, and this bill is an important step in the right direction.

I respectfully request a favorable vote on HB147.

Thank you,



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