

Dear Members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

I am a resident of **D46. I am testifying in support of “Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions - Alterations and Requirements” (SB689).**

It is extremely important to me, as a lifelong resident of Maryland who cares about the environment and climate of the state and will have to live with it for as many as 70 more years, that the General Assembly take do everything possible to promote and incentivize the clean energy transition.

I live in the city, where most houses still rely on filthy, unhealthy gas stoves and heating. It will take every tool available for Annapolis to have an impact on changing that as quickly as it needs to change. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions are a goal that should always at this stage of the climate crisis be accelerated.

It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of SB689.**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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