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Delegate Dana Stein Testimony in Support of HB 993
Commemorative Weeks – Maryland Climate Education Week

Each year, the Maryland Commission on Climate Change issues a report with recommendations for the legislature and state agencies to consider. In Fall of 2023, the Commission issued a report with 27 recommendations. One of the recommendations, from the Workgroup on Education, Communication and Outreach (ECO), was to declare the first week of April, which is Earth Month, as “Climate Education Week.”

This declaration would provide an opportunity for state agencies, local governments, and private organizations to provide educational opportunities on climate issues. The ECO workgroup will provide free online resources for teachers and instructors to use. The idea is to encourage anything from short discussions in the classroom to day-long or half-day seminars, if desired.

An example of the type of activity envisioned is a climate teach-in, one which is taking place from April 1 to 7 in schools around the State. This teach-in will focus on education on climate change and solutions.

I hope you will give HB 993 a favorable vote.