



**Committee:** Education, Energy and the Environment  
**Testimony on:** HB0990 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions -  
**Manufacturers**  
**Organization:** Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing  
**Submitting:** Dave Arndt, Co-Chair  
**Position:** Favorable  
**Hearing Date:** March 26, 2024

Dear Mr. Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB0990. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of nearly 30 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB0990.

The 2009 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act (GGRA) required Maryland to reduce state-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25% by 2020 using 2006 as a baseline while ensuring a positive impact on Maryland's economy. The Act authorized the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to regulate GHG emissions from all sectors of Maryland's economy with one exception: the manufacturing sector. According to the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL), Maryland is currently the only state to exempt manufacturers from meeting GHG emissions goals.

HB0990 corrects this omission by requiring MDE to consider requiring emissions reductions from manufacturers operating in Maryland in 2023. It removes the exemption from GHG emissions for existing cement manufacturers and sets a new pollution baseline for existing manufacturers to be regulated at their 2023 emissions levels.

This policy has been recommended by the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, and is one of six legislative actions advanced in the Maryland Climate Pollution Reduction Plan released by the Department of the Environment in December 2023.

For all of these reasons, we strongly support HB0990 and urge a **FAVORABLE** report in Committee.

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Climate Parents of Prince George's  
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ClimateXChange – Rebuild Maryland Coalition  
Coming Clean Network, Union of Concerned Scientists  
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