

March 12, 2024

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk,

I am writing to express my genuine support for HB0993, also known as Commemorative Weeks-Maryland Climate Education Week, sponsored by Delegate Stein. As Chair Emeritus of Bowie State University Green Ambassadors and an advocate for protecting our environment, I firmly believe that educating our communities about Climate Change is paramount to creating a sustainable and safe planet for future generations.

Climate Change represents an existential threat to humanity and life on Earth, with dire consequences for our environment, health, economy, and society as a whole. We need to empower communities across Maryland with the necessary knowledge and tools to understand the impact of climate change and what needs to be done to mitigate and adapt to our ever-changing climate.

The Maryland Climate Education Week is a crucial step towards achieving this goal. By dedicating a week to climate change education, we will foster awareness of climate change, create a community dialogue that is informed, and inspire action on the local, state, and national levels on climate change legislation. This initiative will give students, policymakers, corporations, and community members the resources to collaborate on solving the problem of climate change.

I urge a favorable report on HB0993 (Commemorative Weeks-Maryland Climate Education Week). Investing in climate education will empower individuals and communities across Maryland of all ages to take on the importance of mitigating the harm of climate change.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this piece of legislation. I look forward to the positive impact Maryland Climate Education Week has on our young people and communities.

Sincerely,
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Chair Emeritus, BSU Green Ambassadors
Bowie State University Class of 24