



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0990
ENVIRONMENT - GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS -
MANUFACTURERS**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Stein

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0990 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

When the original Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act was passed in 2009, it required Maryland to reduce state-wide greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors of the economy except for manufacturers. Maryland is the only state to exempt manufacturers from greenhouse gas reduction goals. If we are to achieve the statutory reductions that we declared we would achieve, every sector needs to participate.

This bill, if enacted, would require the Maryland Department of the Environment to consider requiring emissions reductions from manufacturers operating in Maryland in 2023. It also removes the exemption for cement manufacturers and sets a new pollution baseline for existing manufacturers to be regulated at their 2023 emission levels.

Our members believe that we all need to pull together in order to save the planet for our children. No one should get a free pass. We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.