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Testimony Prepared for the
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
on
Senate Bill 258
January 31, 2024
Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to support energy conservation in Maryland's building inventory. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community with three judicatories in every part of our State.

Senate Bill 258 codifies **Executive Order 01.01.2023.07**, increasing the portfolio of present and future structures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions sufficient to achieve Maryland's GGR goals.

It will make a good citizen of the State by complying with the intentions of its legislative record. We have supported Maryland policies and goals for GGR because of our commitment to caring for created goodness ("Caring for Creation," ELCA, 1993).

We, therefore, ask your favorable report for **Senate Bill 258**.

Lee Hudson