

**HB128 – SUPPORT**  
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**HB 128- Responding to Emergency Needs from Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025**  
**Joint Meeting of Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation Committee**  
**January 23, 2025**

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby, Members of the Economic Matters Committee, Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

As a member of Third Act Maryland, and on behalf of myself, my children and my grandchildren I urge a favorable report on HB0128. The RENEW Act shifts costs from Maryland taxpayers to fossil fuel companies in order to protect Marylanders from the escalating costs of climate change impacts such as saltwater intrusion, intense rain events, flooding, extreme heat, and the public health impacts associated with these types of events. This is a taxpayer relief bill. The qualified expenditures in this bill will help to ease Maryland's budget deficit and support dedicated investments in climate resilience across the state and across issue areas including health, infrastructure, fuel switching, schools, and disaster preparedness.

Please issue a favorable report on this bill so that Maryland residents can benefit from its provisions.

Sincerely,

*Maryrose Wilson*