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SB0779



**Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce**

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**TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF
THE GREATER OCEAN CITY MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**IN SUPPORT OF:
SB0779 – Climate Solutions Now Act Affordability Act of 2025**

**Before:
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Hearing: 2/27/25 at 1:00 PM**

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 regional businesses and job creators, **SUPPORTS Senate Bill SB0779 – Climate Solutions Now Act Affordability Act of 2025**. This legislation would specify that certain requirements under the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 are to be carried out to the extent that they are economically practical.

The energy crisis in Maryland has come to a head, and the economic impact to residents and businesses alike is forcing a conversation to balance environmental goals with economic viability of all energy source options being considered. This legislation would ensure the impact upon the rate payer would be considered in the overall conversation regarding energy efficiency and reduction of carbon emissions. Everyone wants a sustainable solution that is good in both the short and long term – this legislation importantly brings the economic impact to the table.

The Greater Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE REPORT for SB0779**. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly on 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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