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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chairman
And Members of the Education, Energy
and Environment Committee
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB 779 – The Climate Solutions Now Act Affordability Act of 2025 – **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

The 1254 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women support this common-sense amendment to the Climate Solutions Now Act. It will allow adjustments to deadlines for implementing portions of the law applying to housing, greenhouse gas reductions, and electric school-bus purchases “To the extent economically practicable.” Maryland needs to take into account both cost and practical ability to implement.

We are all in shock over the increased cost of electricity. Average people cannot afford \$500 to \$1,000 a month for their electric bill. Low-income people will lose their homes. Forcing all energy to be sourced by emission free-energy sources is both unattainable and unaffordable in the time frames enacted under the Climate Solutions Now Act, the Clean Cars Act and other legislation and regulations enacted in recent years.

We must keep in mind proportionality. Maryland is a small state. It produces .01% of the greenhouse gases produced in the United States. The United States produces approximately 20% of the world’s greenhouse gases. We need balance in our commendable efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions. Balance must be maintained between our goal of zero emissions and the ability of our people to pay their bills and keep their homes and businesses.

Please vote a **FAVORABLE** Report for SB 779.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman