



**HoCoClimateAction.org**  
Howard County, Maryland

**Bill:** [SB0882](#) - Coal Transportation Fee and Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund (Coal Dust Cleanup and Asthma Remediation Act)  
**Hearing Date:** February 27, 2025  
**Bill Sponsor:** Senator Rosapepe  
**Committee:** Education, Energy, and the Environment  
**Submitting:** Liz Feighner for HoCo Climate Action  
**Position:** Favorable

[HoCo Climate Action](#) is a [350.org](#) local chapter and a grassroots organization representing approximately 1,400 subscribers. We are also a member of the [Climate Justice Wing](#) of the [Maryland Legislative Coalition](#).

Howard County Climate Action supports **SB0882, Coal Transportation Fee and Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund (Coal Dust Cleanup and Asthma Remediation Act)**, which will provide a fair and practical solution to address the health and environmental impacts of coal transport through our state.

By creating a dedicated funding source on coal transported through Maryland, we can better support communities that have long borne the burden of coal pollution. This bill will create a dedicated Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to address pollution impacts and direct 40% of revenue to support overburdened and underserved communities affected by coal transport. It also provides \$5 million annually for asthma treatment programs targeting residents living along coal transport Routes and generates approximately \$300 million per year for climate programs.

Fighting climate change and mitigating the effects of climate change are expensive propositions and are especially difficult when Maryland has a constrained budget. This bill provides additional funding which can further our leadership in climate solutions, support equitable energy access, and protect our natural resources for future generations.

We urge a **favorable report on SB0882**.

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