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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB1451: Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2025

Dear Delegates,

We support and respectfully request that you vote for HB 1451.

We support Delegate Chisholm's logic on this issue:

"The Climate Solutions Affordability Act Bill of 2025 injects common sense in reality into these overly ambitious regulations to the Climate Solutions Act Now Bill of 2022 by simply adding to the "Extent Economically Practical" to all of these regulations. Here is the definition of the extent economically practical.

'Extent Economically Practical - to the extent feasible or capable of being done or carried out with a reasonable effort, taking into account, the state of technology, the economics of improvements in relation to benefits to the public health and safety and other societal and social economic considerations."

The push to create funding for the clean energy targets in the "Climate Solutions Act Now Bill of 2022" is causing undue financial hardship on Maryland taxpayers. The "Extent Economically Practical" guidelines above are reasonable to adopt. The "economics of improvements in relation to benefits to the public health" is being abused by the existing bill. Public health is also public financial health. If the increases in taxes to fund the bills, relating to advancing green energy, are causing citizens to forego healthy food and potentially medical care, then they must be halted until better, financial solutions, besides raising taxes and energy costs, are found.

These bills, that promote these policies, are harming us, not helping us, and all for an agenda that a small margin of Marylanders want. We believe that these clean energy legislations are being pushed on us from climate zealots at the federal level and special interest groups.

We expect you to PUT MARYLANDERS FIRST and support this bill.

Sincerely,

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