

# Testimony For HB1451

Honorable Delegates

I support specifying that certain requirements under the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 are to be carried out to the extent economically practicable, including requirements concerning achieving certain direct greenhouse gas emissions reductions from certain buildings, measuring and reporting direct emissions data to the Department of the Environment, achieving certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and achieving zero-emission vehicle goals relating to the State vehicle fleet and local school buses.

At a time when our energy costs are rising and we must import a large amount of our energy from other states, we need to admit that the lofty goals of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 are not working. I agree with Delegate Chisholm that a compromise is needed. Until, we can achieve at least 50 percent of our energy needs from Solar and Wind sources, we should continue to use fossil fuels, primarily natural gas if possible, but coal if needed, to power our electricity power plants. That way we will not need to import electricity, which causes increased transmission costs, while we work on increasing the electricity output from solar and wind sources.

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