



City of Bowie

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Testimony submitted to House Environment and Transportation Committee

Support

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HB 79

The City of Bowie supports HB 79 – Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2026.

HB 79 clarifies and reinforces the implementation of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 by specifying that certain statutory requirements are to be carried out to the extent economically practicable. These include commitments to reduce direct greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, to measure and report direct emissions data to the Maryland Department of the Environment, to pursue greenhouse gas reduction goals, to achieve zero-emission vehicle goals for the State fleet and local school buses, and to adopt updated construction codes and prevailing wage standards for certain utility-related projects. By focusing on economic practicability while maintaining ambitious environmental goals, this bill promotes a balanced approach to climate action that protects both the environment and Maryland's fiscal health.

The City of Bowie recognizes that climate change poses both environmental and economic risks, and supports efforts that facilitate achievable progress toward cleaner air and a more sustainable future. By affirming the practical implementation of key aspects of the Climate Solutions Now Act, HB 79 will help enable local governments, businesses, and communities to align with statewide climate objectives in ways that support workforce readiness, infrastructure modernization, and long-term affordability.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for a favorable report on HB 79.

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