



TO: House Environment & Transportation Committee

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association & Mid-Atlantic Propane Gas Association

DATE: February 4, 2026

RE: **HOUSE BILL 79** – Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2026

The Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association (MAPDA) is a regional trade association representing energy marketers throughout Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. MAPDA member companies supply motor and heating fuel products sold in the region including gasoline, diesel fuel and heating fuels. MAPDA members also own and operate Maryland, Delaware, and DC's gas stations and convenience stores.

The Mid-Atlantic Propane Gas Association (MAPGA) represents propane marketers, suppliers, distributors, and equipment manufacturers across Maryland. MAPGA members provide clean-burning energy to residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial customers in the state. Members have more than 243,000 retail accounts, 80,000 primary home heating customers in Maryland, and generate more than \$794 million in economic activity annually.

This legislation would alter the Climate Solutions Now Act (CSNA) enacted in 2022 by ensuring any provisions within the CSNA are applied "to the extent economically practicable".

Maryland's energy sector is at a critical juncture. MAPDA & MAPGA members continue to provide a practical and economical energy source for our state's residents and commercial businesses.

Since its passage, the CSNA has precipitated various rulemakings by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) including a Heating Fuel Provider Reporting Program (HFPRP), Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS), and Clean Heat Rules (CHR). Taken together, these rules are or will increase the cost for our members to provide their customers with the fuel they need to keep them warm, cook their meals, and in some instances, keep their machines in service.

HB79 ensures that these and future rulemakings consider the economic practicality of the regulations that will carry out the provisions of the CSNA. It is essential that these policies balance the state's ambitious climate goals with the need to provide Maryland residents and businesses with affordable and reliable energy.

For these reasons, MAPDA & MAPGA respectfully request a favorable committee report on HB79.