



House Bill 66

Date: February 10, 2026

Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Position: Favorable

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners, and we work to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

House Bill 66 (HB 66) would require the Governor to withdraw Maryland from participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Participation in RGGI has placed Maryland under a multistate carbon cap-and-trade regime, limiting state flexibility over energy and environmental policy while imposing compliance costs that ultimately affect consumers and businesses. HB 66 presents a much-needed opportunity for Maryland to reassess its approach to energy and emissions policy and to pursue pathways that better align with the State's economic interests and energy priorities.

Withdrawing from RGGI would allow Maryland to prioritize locally tailored solutions to meet environmental goals without ceding control to a regional compact. This is especially important for ensuring that energy reliability and affordability remain at the forefront of policy discussions for families, employers, and ratepayers across the state.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report on HB 66**.