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To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: **Support of HB79 Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2026**

On behalf of the over 7,000 member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in support of HB79, the Climate Solutions Affordability Act of 2026. Maryland Farm Bureau members are committed to environmental stewardship and recognize the importance of statewide efforts to reduce emissions and modernize infrastructure. At the same time, our members also operate in an environment of rising input costs, energy expenses, and regulatory burdens. For this reason, we greatly appreciate that HB 79 adds a clear and necessary standard of economic practicability across multiple components of the Climate Solutions Now Act, ensuring that implementation remains affordable and achievable for all Marylanders, including farmers, schools, counties, and small businesses. The bill makes these improvements by explicitly stating that building performance standards, direct-emissions reporting, and required greenhouse gas reduction measures are to be carried out only to the extent economically practicable, protecting Marylanders from unfunded or untenable mandates while still advancing statewide climate goals.

HB 79 represents a thoughtful and balanced improvement to the Climate Solutions Now Act. It maintains Maryland's environmental goals while ensuring that implementation remains fair, affordable, and grounded in economic reality. On behalf of our 7,000 member families, the Maryland Farm Bureau respectfully urges the Committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 79.

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Please contact Tyler Hough, though@marylandfb.org, with any questions