



Committee: Government, Labor, and Elections

Testimony on: House Bill 620 – Commemorative Months – Maryland Climate Education Month

Organization: Mobilize Frederick

Submitting: Kathy Kinsey

Position: Favorable

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Dear Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 620 – Commemorative Months – Maryland Climate Education Month. Mobilize Frederick, a nonprofit community advocacy organization formed to assist with implementation of innovative local solutions to address climate change, urges the Committee to issue **favorable** report on HB 620.

This bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim April as **Maryland Climate Education Month** and encourage residents of all ages to participate in climate education activities and take action to achieve the State’s climate commitments.

Environmental education is an essential foundation to the work that Frederick County and communities across Maryland are doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen climate resilience, and prepare young people for the future. Through Mobilize Frederick’s efforts to advance Maryland Green Schools in Frederick County, we have seen first hand how climate and environmental education help students build knowledge, practice stewardship, and connect learning to real-world solutions. Maryland Green Schools promote systemic environmental education across grade levels, student action projects, professional development for staff, and strong community partnerships. These efforts lead to healthier environments, stronger communities, and long-term behavior change.

Mobilize Frederick is working to help implement *Recommendation 37* of the County’s Climate Response and Resilience framework: *building climate-resilient school communities and supporting certification of all Frederick County schools as Maryland Green Schools by 2035*. Our partnerships with Frederick County Public Schools, the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, local government, parks, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and community volunteers demonstrate that students are eager to learn about climate challenges and to be part of practical solutions.

This legislation, HB 620, would elevate and unify this work Statewide. Designation of April as Maryland Climate Education Month will encourage schools, colleges, families, nonprofits, and local governments to elevate education on climate change and action in meaningful ways.

For these reasons, Mobilize Frederick respectfully requests the Committee to issue a **favorable** report on **HB 620**.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Government Affairs Committee

cc: Karen Cannon, Executive Director