



Testimony: [HB0620](#) – Commemorative Months - Maryland Climate Education Month
Hearing Date: March 17, 2026
Bill Sponsor: Delegate Moreno
Committee: House Government, Labor, and Elections
Submitting: Liz Feighner for Less Plastic Please
Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr and committee members,

[Less Plastic Please](#) is a Howard County based grassroots organization representing more than 200 subscribers. We are a [Beyond Plastics](#) Affiliate and also work closely with the [Zero Waste Team](#) of [Howard County Sierra Club](#). Reducing the production of plastics and creating a zero-waste economy is one of our top concerns which includes educating our community about the plastic pollution crisis we are facing today.

Less Plastic Please supports **HB0620– Commemorative Months - Maryland Climate Education Month**. This bill, which establishes April as Maryland Climate Education Month, is a vital step in ensuring our state remains a leader in environmental stewardship. By requiring an annual proclamation, this legislation does more than just mark a date on the calendar; it creates a structured opportunity for:

Public Awareness: Encouraging Marylanders of all ages to understand the specific climate challenges facing our Chesapeake Bay and coastal communities due to sea level rise and all the costs of continuing our dependence on fossil fuels.

Action-Oriented Engagement: Aligning public education with the State’s existing climate commitments, such as the Climate Solutions Now Act.

Youth Leadership: Providing a platform for students and educators to showcase innovative environmental solutions.

Less Plastic Please spearheaded campaigns with several organizations in Howard County to advocate for reducing single-use plastics through two successful bills, [Plastic Bag Fee](#) and [Plastic Reduction Law](#). We also hosted a [webinar on the Story of Plastics in 2020](#). As we highlighted during the discussion, plastic pollution is an environmental justice and public health crisis: Fracking, plastics production, litter, and disposal in landfills and by incineration harm communities of color disproportionately.

It is critical to focus on educating the public in raising awareness about climate change and its causes, consequences, and solutions. The plastic pollution crisis contributes to the climate crisis and is not a

distant threat but a current reality for our state. Designating April—the same month we celebrate Earth Day—as Climate Education Month ensures that Maryland’s focus on sustainable climate remains a consistent public priority.

We respectfully urge a favorable report on **HB0620**.

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