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SUPPORT: HB620 Commemorative Months - Maryland Climate Education Month

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

Maryland LCV and the organizations below support HB 620 Commemorative Months - Maryland Climate Education Month and we thank Delegate Moreno for his leadership.

HB 620 has a simple premise, to proclaim April Maryland Climate Education Month. Throughout the month, educators from all backgrounds can create the space for students of any age across Maryland to engage in projects, education, and advocacy to raise awareness about climate impacts and solutions.

In 2025, the Maryland Commission on Climate Change recommended 'Climate Education Month' in their [annual report](#). Expanding on that premise to encompass the month of April provides educators, governments, and community leaders greater flexibility to meaningfully engage with students and come together in celebration and education. During Climate Education Month, schools, colleges, universities, and various institutions can host exceptional events, workshops, and activities that focus on climate education and action to foster a culture of climate consciousness throughout our state. By implementing these recommendations, our state will make significant strides toward enhancing public awareness, education, and engagement in climate action, ultimately contributing to our shared goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient future for all Marylanders.

Declaring April as Climate Education Month is a strategic decision, as it incorporates the annual Maryland Climate Teach-In through trash cleanups, tree plantings, and education workshops throughout our state. This time frame also includes Earth Day and both [Worldwide Climate and Justice Education Week](#) and National Public Health Week, which usually has a dedicated [daily theme](#) of climate change because of the recognized impacts on human health and wellbeing. An example of information provided is the [Climate and Health Youth Education Toolkit](#). Bringing these international and national themes to Maryland gives us the opportunity to join a global movement in supporting a healthy climate and environment for future generations.

Youth across the country face eco-anxiety in the face of a changing climate, with [demonstrated improvements in mental health when they are part of the solution.](#) Education is the universal key to unlocking a student's potential. Declaring April "Maryland Climate Education Month gives students opportunities across the state to unlock their potential to contribute to climate solutions and lean into our state's leadership.

Maryland LCV and the groups undersigned below urge a favorable report on this important bill.

Maryland League of Conservation Voters

Audubon Mid-Atlantic

Chesapeake Climate Action Network - Action Fund

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Earthjustice

Indivisible Howard County Maryland

Maryland Climate Partners

Maryland Legislative Coalition – Climate Justice Wing

National Aquarium