



**Bill: SB 432/HB 572 Attorney General Actions and Climate Crimes Accountability Fund**

**Position:** Opposition

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Energy Solutions, we respectfully submit this letter in opposition to Attorney General Actions and Climate Crimes Accountability Fund (Climate Crimes Accountability Act).

Marylanders are already managing tight household budgets and this bill encourages broad, high-stakes climate litigation and creates the risk that legal costs, settlement uncertainty, and market volatility will be passed through, potentially increasing rates for consumers and raising costs. The *possibility* of sweeping lawsuits can also chill investment in infrastructure and innovations Maryland needs to keep the lights on while lowering emissions.

For these reasons, the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Energy Solutions respectfully requests an unfavorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Energy Solutions, Inc.