

HB 087 - Support
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HB 087 - Income Tax - Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Credit

Ways and Means Committee
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Dear Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Brittany Baker and I am testifying on behalf of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. At CCAN, we envision an economy where energy efficiency and clean sources of power sustain every aspect of our lives to protect the communities in our region from the worst impacts of climate change. That's why today I am testifying in support of House Bill 87.

Expanding access to energy efficiency upgrades is a critical tool to meet Maryland's climate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2031. In fact, energy efficiency is one of the most cost-effective [ways](#) to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Energy efficiency tax credits would also reduce overall demand on the grid, as efficiency projects help to conserve energy usage. By reducing demand, this legislation would prevent the need to build new large-scale fossil fuel plants.

In addition, this legislation is necessary for all Marylanders to have access to energy efficiency improvements that will make their utility bills lower. Utility bills have [increased](#) by 10% on average in Maryland since 2012 and people are feeling the burden of increased rates. One way to combat this is to help residents to consume less energy through efficiency upgrades. Further, this tax credit will be a way to address equity issues, allowing all households to take advantage of energy savings, have better indoor air quality, and prevent the need to build new fossil fuel plants in overburdened and underserved communities.

Especially now with the accelerated expiration of federal tax credits, it is more important than ever to have a state-based tax credit to assist with making it more affordable for homeowners to transition their homes to more efficient energy. I urge a favorable report on HB 087 to meet Maryland's climate goals, decrease demand on the grid, and lower Marylanders utility bills. Thank you for your time and consideration.