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**BILL:** SB 912  
**TITLE:** Climate Crisis and Education Act  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**HEARING DATE:** 3/11/2020  
**COMMITTEE:** Budget and Taxation  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Benjamin Kramer

We are currently facing more and more of the effects of climate change where we must act now. I'm from Ellicott City and we saw 2 100 year flooding events in 2 years. The frequency and severity of these events will grow as time goes on if we don't act. I live walking around old Ellicott City and I want people to be able to keep enjoying it for years to come. I also love going to the beach in the summer. My whole extended family gets together and goes for 1 week every summer. Rising sea levels from climate change will make it more difficult or impossible to go to the beach in the future. Events such as the Ellicott City flooding are costing millions of dollars to recover from. This is why the CCEA is needed. It helps put a price on carbon emissions and will help Maryland reach its carbon neutral goals. Money raised by the CCEA will help low income populations with their energy bills through rebates, secure funding for infrastructure, and fund the Kirwan Commission. It is time to start acting to prevent climate change and help secure a better future for Maryland.

For these reasons and more, I Jimmy Nolan urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB 1543.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Members of the Economic Matters Committee