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HJ0001 – Support

Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Implementation of a Climate Mobilization Effort

Dear Chair Healey, Vice-Chairman Holmes, and members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee,

This resolution declares a climate emergency and commits the State to act in response to that reality. The resolution calls for a statewide mobilization effort to reverse global warming, rapidly eliminate the production of greenhouse gases, safely draw down carbon in the atmosphere, and accelerate implementation of resilience strategies.

I am introducing House Joint Resolution 1 because it is vital that the State of Maryland acknowledge that climate change is real, that it is present and is an emergency that governments and individuals must act expeditiously to address. This resolution will publicly state that as a legislative body, on behalf of our constituencies, that we are serious about doing whatever we can to halt and reverse the catastrophic effects of climate change.

As a resolution, it does not legislate any specific action. Rather, it creates a standard or benchmark by which future policy decisions and actions can be measured.

While we are called upon to do more; I submit we can do no less. I respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terri Hill'.

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