

February 29, 2021

BILL: SB0076
TITLE: Climate Crisis and Education Act
POSITION: SUPPORT
HEARING DATE: 2/2/2021
COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation
SPONSOR: Senator Benjamin Kramer

Dear Members of the Committee,

I live in Chestertown, MD, where I see flooding on a regular basis, and soil erosion eating away at our land accumulatively every year. We don't have time to wait.

Farmers are losing their land due to salt water intrusion. Waterfront businesses are losing revenue due to flooding. Waterman's businesses are being affected by acidification of the Bay and water salination changes. Commercial and personal properties are devaluing at an alarming rate. Our economy is suffering and it is only going to get worse. We need a solution.

The Climate Crisis and Education Act is a win, win on all fronts. It incrementally rises the price of fossil fuels, a main cause of the greenhouse gas emissions changing our climate and these noted adverse effects. The funds collected will support the green infrastructure we need for a just transition and contribute to desperately needed funds for education in our State. Every one wins.

For these reasons and more, I, Hope Clark, Chestertown Citizens' Climate Lobby Chapter Leader urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB0076.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee