



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Economic Matters Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Opposition of HB33 - Climate Crisis and Education Act**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony opposing HB33. This bill establishes a Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment to establish a greenhouse gas reduction target of 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2045; establishes a Climate Crisis Council to develop a plan to reach the reduction targets and submit it to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022; requires a greenhouse gas pollution fee on all fossil fuels brought into the State for combustion in the State with \$340 million of those fees to be used to pay for the Kirwan education recommendations.

This bill goes over and above what the Maryland Commission on Climate Change is recommending. The negative economic impacts to Maryland citizens will be substantial. To make matters worse, the fees that would be collect through the proposed fuel tax would not be used to cover the cost of transitioning to zero emission vehicles, but instead to pay for new Pre-K through 12 education program that has nothing to do with Climate Change.

**MDFB Policy:** We oppose the creation of a state carbon and/or Greenhouse Gas reduction tax/fee.

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES HB 33**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

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