

**Climate Crisis and Education Act (CCEA)
Maryland General Assembly 2021 Session
Sign-on Resolution**

Whereas, every child in Maryland should be able to breathe clean air so they can grow and fulfill their maximum potential: an unhealthy climate threatens a sustainable environment and thus violates our right to life;

Whereas, our children's future, our economy, and our critical infrastructure are being jeopardized by changes in the climate caused by fossil fuels entering the atmosphere from transportation, electricity and heating systems;

Whereas, we must reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in line with what the latest science and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) demands of developed countries, which requires reducing Maryland's emissions to 60% by 2030, and net negative emissions after 2045 based on 2006 emissions;

Whereas, urban areas, low- income communities, and communities of color historically have experienced the worst air pollution in the state, and these targeted communities are disproportionately harmed by air pollutants and hardest impacted by climate change;

Whereas, the Maryland State Constitution requires the General Assembly to "establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient system of free public schools...." The Kirwan Commission was established to review the current education funding formulas and make recommendations that would improve the quality of Maryland's public education system to benefit ALL of its more than 790,000 students, which will in turn benefit the State's economy and quality of life for all Marylanders; and

Whereas, the Climate Crisis and Education Act (CCEA), sponsored by Senator Benjamin Kramer and Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo, will demand accountability from fossil fuel companies by charging them for the damages they are causing and use the revenues collected by the state to reinvest into Maryland directing those monies firstly to protect low- and moderate-income households and energy-intensive, trade-exposed employers from financial harm; secondly to invest in our children's education by helping to fund the Kirwan Commission's recommendations, and then invest in clean energy infrastructure improvements;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the undersigned Members of the Maryland General Assembly support the CCEA legislation that will help meet Maryland's GHG reduction goals; fund actions to reduce emissions and enhance resilience to climate impacts; help protect low- and moderate-income households and energy-intensive, trade-exposed employers from financial harm; and. direct \$350M per year to help fund the Kirwan Commission's recommendations.

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