

February 15, 2021

BILL: HB0033
TITLE: Climate Crisis and Education Act
POSITION: SUPPORT
HEARING DATE: 2/18/2021
COMMITTEE: Economic Matters
SPONSOR: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo

Maryland's Eastern Shore is an area where the impacts of climate change and resulting sea level rise are at high risk. With over 3,000 miles of coastline, by 2030 Maryland's flood prone property value at stake ranks 8th in the U.S. It is also true that low-income communities face significant social and economic challenges that put them at a disadvantage when faced with natural disasters and other stressors. Because the Climate Crisis and Education Act (HB0033 / SB0076) incentivizes reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to help put Maryland on a sustainable path toward a vibrant economy to provide billions of dollars for investment in the clean energy economy, it will also provide these benefits for the public good:

- supporting communities on the front lines of the climate crisis
- directing millions of dollars each year to support low-income households
- shielding energy intensive businesses from financial harm
- fossil fuel dependent communities' transition to a clean energy economy
- Puts \$350 million into public education every year

For these reasons and more, the Worcester County NAACP #7029 urges a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB 0076

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee