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College Democrats of Maryland
Testimony in Support of House Bill 0033
18 February 2021

The College Democrats of Maryland strongly support House Bill 0033, the Climate Crisis and Education Act. The state of Maryland, with over 300 miles of coastline, is at significant risk of the climate crisis, so the need to address the crisis is growing more urgent by the day. While this bill alone will not stop global climate change, it will be a significant step in mitigating its impacts to our state.

As college students, our futures are filled with uncertainty, often relating to the looming climate crisis. Will rising shorelines limit living space? Will our children have clean air to breath? Will there be enough clean water to sustain our population? With all of these unknowns, action must be taken.

For us, climate change is not some far off possibility. It is here, it is getting worse, and it will impact every area of our lives. That is not to say, however, that we have given up. Real, bold action like the Climate Crisis and Education Act can help to curb these effects. By limiting the use of greenhouse gases and achieving a net-zero by 2045, we can slow down the impact of climate change significantly.

By establishing a Climate Crisis Council to achieve these goals and implementing a greenhouse gas pollution fee for fossil fuels brought into the state. the General Assembly will show that the goals are not just dreams, they are tangible, achievable actions. Talk is cheap, but

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