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

Since the economic externalities of environmental legislation are rarely considered, this legislation is particularly important. HB0033, the Climate Crisis and Education Act, addresses the existential threat of Climate Change with market-based, economic solutions.

Implementation of this this legislation would reduce green house gases by 60 percent in the next nine years – not fast enough, but a good start.

Further, this legislation will protect local jobs. A clean environment must be accompanied by a vibrant economy.

For that reason, we are especially in favor of the three funds to which this legislation would contribute, the Climate Crisis and Infrastructure Fund, the Household and Employer Benefit Fund, and the Kirwan Education Fund.

We believe there is no down-side to supporting this bill. It will put Maryland on the right path to protecting our environment and addressing the education and economic needs of Maryland.

For these reasons and more, Annapolis Green urges a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB0033.

Respectfully submitted,

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