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**TO:** Members of the Environment and Transportation

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**RE:** SB 0414

**POSITION:** In Favor

Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Henry Meiser and today I am here testifying on behalf of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, which represents over 150 schools across Maryland, in favor of Senate Bill 414.

One of the things Maryland is best known for are its Blue Crabs. Blue Crabs thrive in water that is low in carbon. Do you know what greenhouse gasses cause? Carbon-filled waters, meaning, a significantly lowered population of Blue Crabs. I wish that I could say that there was a solution to this... but wait... there is. Members of the Committee, the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021 is exactly that. A solution for a deeply rooted problem, and one extremely relevant to the state of maryland; climate change.

June 23rd, 1988 marked the day that Climate Change went down in history as a “national scientific issue”. I want today to go down in history as the day that Maryland began reversing these effects. I want today to go down in history as the day that the Environmental and Transportation Committee of Maryland issued a favorable report on this bill, and continued the journey down the road to an environmentally stable Maryland, and for that matter, a more stable world.

The Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021 is a thorough, comprehensive plan to lower greenhouse gasses by 60% by the year 2030. This bill moves to achieve net zero greenhouse gasses by the year 2045. In addition to the greenhouse gases related goals of this bill, the act moves to have 5,000,000 trees planted, specifically in underserved areas. These goals may seem aggressive, but let me assure you they are achievable. This plan also includes the formation of a task force, to ensure these goals are on track, and are implemented across the state.

Outside of my roles in student leadership, I am an active ski racer, and I absolutely love it. I love it so much that I want my kids to be able to experience it. By passing this bill, you are helping to make sure generations to come will experience a snow day, instead of days filled with an unpredictable, warm climate. By passing this bill, you are making sure generations to come will have clean air to breath, free of smog. By passing this bill, you are giving Maryland a green and sustainable future, and will put Maryland on the map nationally as the state which began the fight back against climate change.

For these reasons, I urge you to find a favorable report of this bill, and ensure a favorable future for the state of Maryland; one that is filled with crabs, snow days, and environmental stability.

Signed, most respectfully,



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