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HB583
Climate Solutions Now Act
Favorable
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Dear Chairman Barve, Vice-Chair Stein and Honorable Members of the Committee,

HB583 – Climate Solutions Now Act - is a powerhouse of a bill.

In one swoop, it will help mitigate the direst effects of climate change, contain emissions of greenhouse gases, enhance our urban and rural areas, significantly contribute to the economic and physical well-being of thousands of Marylanders and cool heat islands in cities thereby saving lives.

The component that promises to plant 5,000,000 trees – in the most urgent of places – is not just valuable for the environment but also for recreation, beauty and psychological health.

“Now” is the operative word in the bill’s title – we need to act swiftly and with determination.

Passing this bill is the right thing to do.

I urge you to pass this bill.

Respectfully,

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