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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Testimony prepared for the
Finance Committee
on
Senate Bill 903
March 1, 2022
Position: **Unfavorable**

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak about wise stewardship of creation. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community in three ELCA synods in every part of our State.

The ELCA identified greenhouse gases as environmental pollutants because of deleterious effects on climate in 1993. ("Caring for Creation," ELCA 1993 assembly)

While biomasses are regular byproducts of several agricultural and natural resource industries, and thus "renewable" in some manner, they still generate greenhouse gases. Burning them, in particular, meets no definition of "clean" and will frustrate the effort at GGRs.

We oppose **Senate Bill 903** and urge an unfavorable report.

Lee Hudson