

Gov. Moore: Ambitious Climate Plan Must Ensure 100% Truly Clean Energy

Honorable Governor Moore,

We, the undersigned social justice, labor, conservation, climate, and community organizations, urge you to introduce a climate plan in the 2024 legislative session that promotes 100% clean energy and protects environmental justice communities from further harm from both current and next level energy generation.

We stand ready to support you in making Maryland the national leader on addressing the climate crisis and ensuring the plan leaves no one behind in the process. This can only happen if you insist on a 100% clean energy standard with environmental justice and public health at its center. A clean energy plan must not only eliminate climate warming-greenhouse gas emissions, but also protect all Maryland communities from toxic and harmful pollutants emitted during or as a result of energy production.

Over the last few months, we have been heartened by proposals by your state agencies to promote the phase out of coal and natural gas in the next few years and bold plans to reach net zero emissions by 2045. We also applaud your plan to apply Justice 40 principles so the state is allocating funding and making policy decisions that benefit communities historically disadvantaged and overburdened by environmental pollution. In that spirit, we ask that you reject energy sources that falsely claim to be net zero, but emit greenhouse gasses and local air pollution that harm the climate and our communities.

We trust that you will move Maryland into an equitable and safe future, a future without toxic emissions that kill our environment and our people. We stand ready to devote resources to support you in educating the public and implementing a truly break-through and successful legislative climate package. Because we agree with you: Maryland's time is now.

With deep gratitude for your leadership,

Food & Water Watch  
Clean Water Action  
CASA  
Maryland Latinos Unidos  
League of Women Voters of Maryland  
Progressive Maryland  
Climate Reality Greater Maryland  
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Cedar Lane Environmental Justice Ministry  
Elders Climate Action Maryland  
Climate Parents of Prince George's

MIT Alumni for Climate Action  
Sustainable Earth Eating  
Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group  
Greenbelt Climate Action Network  
Maryland Legislative Caucus - Climate Justice Wing  
Citizens' Climate Lobby-- Maryland  
Concerned Citizens Against Industrial CAFOS (CCAIC)  
Elders Climate Action  
Bioscience International Corporation  
Locust Point Community Garden  
Mountain Maryland Movement  
Utility Advisor Inc  
Climate Communications Coalition  
Defensores de la Cuenca  
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Howard County