

Maryland League of Conservation Voters * Sierra Club-Maryland Chapter

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House Health & Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room # 241
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for House Bill 223, "Earth Hour"

Dear Chairman Hammen and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters and The Sierra Club-Maryland Chapter are pleased to join in the support of House Bill 223, "Earth Hour."

HB 223 is a terrific opportunity for our state to join in the global sustainability movement in the fight against climate change. This annual event brings over 4,000 cities and 128 countries and territories together in a collective movement to turn off their lights on the last Saturday in March at 8:30pm for one hour.

This is a global event that continues to grow each year. HB 223 would represent Maryland's support in the fight against climate change with both the Government House and State House observing Earth Hour each year. Climate change is a serious issue facing our planet. HB 223 would bring exposure to the global movement and the crisis plaguing our planet.

We wish to thank Delegate Carter for her leadership, the committee for its consideration, and respectfully request a favorable report.