

March 8, 2011

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Support SB 766, "Snowstorm and Related Climate Change Preparation Act"**

Dear Chairman Conway and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join in the support of SB 76, "Snowstorm and Related Climate Change Preparation Act."

SB 766 is a great opportunity for the state of Maryland to begin planning for specified weather emergencies. The Maryland Commission on Climate Change, with the help of the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency would be required to submit a report to both the Governor and the General Assembly with specified investments that would better equip our state to handle weather emergencies.

In light of the current climate situation and the increase in storm severity and frequency it is imperative for our state to begin planning for and investing in ways to better cope with weather emergencies. By planning and investing now we ensure our state will be able to successfully handle the next weather emergency.

We wish to thank Senator Rosapepe for his leadership, the committee for its consideration, and respectfully request a favorable report.