The 2019 Environmental Scorecard evaluates the performance of state legislators on environmental issues. The scorecard rates each member of the Maryland General Assembly on their support for environmental policies. This year, did your elected legislators:

- Support efforts to protect your communities by passing legislation that creates a permanent grant program to support clean energy jobs?
- Support efforts to protect our waterways by passing legislation that bans Styrofoam food service products?
- Stand up to toxic chemicals by supporting efforts to ban phosphorus pesticides?
- Protect our air and public transportation infrastructure by reducing Maryland's carbon footprint?
- Stand for strong environmental protections?

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- Stand up to protect our communities by eliminating Styrofoam food service containers and protecting waterways?
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Clean Buses for Healthy Ninos Bill (Governor)

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