MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

VOTER FACT SHEET

Comprehensive Climate Legislation

Achieving net-zero emissions by 2045 while protecting impacted communities

Maryland LCV and its partners are working towards comprehensive climate legislation that will reduce carbon overall by 60% by 2030 (based on the 2006 level) and "net zero" emissions by 2045. **(SB528/HB708)**

We are pushing our state leaders to focus most specifically on reductions from the top three sectors that emit the most climate-altering pollution: transportation, electricity, and buildings.

In 2022, Maryland must:

- Set bold emissions reduction goals,
- Commit to an action plan to meet those goals with proper funding and enforcement, and
- Embed equity and justice into every step of the plan with frontline communities at the forefront

A bold, comprehensive climate package should achieve these specific outcomes:

Transportation

- Advance truck electrification **(HB829/SB687)**
- School bus electrification **(HB696/SB948)**
- Ensure equity analyses guide public transportation policy by passing the Transportation Equity Act **(HB141/SB23)**
- Support MTA workers by passing the Zero Emission Bus Transition Act **(HB10/SB61)**
- Require MDOT to publish projected carbon emissions for all major projects in the Consolidated Transportation Program
- Study the creation of a Baltimore Regional Transportation Authority **(HB1366)**

Electricity

- Invest in an equitable and clean electricity grid by passing the GRID Act **(HB88/SB525)**
- Connect low and moderate-income consumers to solar energy by passing tax incentives **(HB76/SB264)**

Bold, comprehensive climate legislation is long overdue in Maryland

Buildings

- Pass a Building Energy Performance Standard that reduces energy use & transitions large buildings (including schools) to net zero by 2040 **(SB528)**
- Require the PSC, with public oversight, to study the implementation of an all-electric new construction code (interim report by January 2023; final report by September 2023) **(SB528)**
- Require all new K-12 schools to be net zero or net zero-ready **(SB528)**
- Require 4-year colleges & universities to be carbon neutral by 2035 with interim goals and carbon offsetting restricts **(HB729/SB471)**
- Disallow use of state matching funds for installation of fossil fuel energy systems in new and existing K-12 schools **(HB365)**
- Set energy savings goals for low-income households **(SB528/HB806)**
- Require state to use green concrete **(HB806)**

Centering Justice and Equity

- Include "Justice 40" language in all allocation of federal & state monies **(HB1033)**
- Give greater voice to environmental justice communities in the implementation of state laws and regulations

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To support this legislation, please go to **mdlcv.org/action-alert**

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We are focusing on the sectors that emit the most climate-altering pollution:

1. **transportation**
2. **electricity**
3. **buildings**