

December 5, 2023

The Honorable Wes Moore  
Governor  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Dear Governor Moore,

As grassroots and business leaders representing hundreds of thousands of people in Maryland, we are writing to congratulate you and your agency staff on a very impressive first year of achievements on clean energy. Your actions are putting Maryland among the climate leadership ranks of states like New York, California, and Washington state. But in order to secure Maryland as a true national leader on climate change, ambitious actions to achieve our goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2031 need to be taken. Specifically, Maryland needs the plan **and resources** to meet our goal. We are asking you to issue a strong climate plan and to commit to a funding mechanism that provides significant resources in order to “get it done by ‘31.”

Already, under your leadership, Maryland has made historic investments in offshore wind, sped the transition to electric vehicles, made community solar a permanent program, installed leaders committed to climate action in the state agencies and at the PSC, and much more. These actions have brought the promise of new union jobs to our state, eased the burden of air pollution, and helped low and moderate income Marylanders benefit from solar power. Thank you for fighting to enact meaningful policies that benefit everyone.

We also congratulate you and the staff and leadership at the Maryland Department of the Environment for what we expect will be a comprehensive plan to ensure Maryland reduces climate pollution by 60% by 2031. For Maryland to secure our position as a national climate leader, this administration must also ensure the investments and actions needed to achieve Maryland’s 2031 mandate are in place. Commitments, promises, and unfunded recommendations, regardless of how bold they are, will simply not be enough. A fully enacted and funded plan will make Maryland the undisputed national leader in tackling the climate crisis and the myriad inequities it exacerbates, including health disparities and poverty. We are therefore urging you to provide a strong climate plan and funding mechanism that will “get it done by ‘31.”

President Biden has shown through the Inflation Reduction Act that betting big on investments in clean energy and health materially improves lives, builds a cross-cutting coalition of support, and pays financial dividends. The Inflation Reduction Act is bringing \$250 billion in new US manufacturing investments, helping the average household save \$516 a year on energy costs, increasing EV sales by 63% in 2023, and already causing measurable reductions in air pollution. The Inflation Reduction Act unites labor, environmentalists, health advocates, anti-poverty leaders, and did not trigger the grassroots opposition that typically accompanies a President’s flagship policy achievement. We urge you to follow President Biden’s successful example and make spending on clean energy and health a centerpiece of your policy agenda.

We are all eager to support your climate leadership and are counting on you to roll up your sleeves and get it done by ‘31.

Signed,

Advance Maryland  
Annapolis Green  
Audubon Mid-Atlantic  
Baltimore 350  
CASA  
Cedar Lane Environmental Justice Ministry  
Center for Progressive Reform  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association (CHESSA)  
Climate Communications Coalition  
Climate Law & Policy Project  
Climate Reality Greater Maryland  
Earthjustice  
Elders Climate Action Maryland  
Elders for Climate Action  
Environment Maryland  
Friends of Sligo Creek  
Green Sanctuary, Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring  
GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic  
Howard County Climate Action  
Indivisible HoCoMD  
Institute for Market Transformation  
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake  
Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)  
Maryland League of Conservation Voters  
Maryland Legislative Coalition  
Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing  
Maryland Ornithological Society  
Maryland PIRG  
Mizrahi Family Charitable Fund  
Mobilize Frederick  
Oceantic Network  
Policy Foundation of Maryland  
Rebuild Maryland Coalition  
Safe Skies Maryland  
Sierra Club Maryland Chapter  
The Nature Conservancy, Maryland/DC Chapter  
Towson Therapy Group  
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland  
Waterkeepers Chesapeake