CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2022

We must set bold climate goals and have a plan to meet them! This bill would:

Update MD's emission reduction goals to match the best climate science

- Experts say we must achieve greenhouse gas net neutrality by mid-century.
- The bill will also require a 60% reduction by 2030 (based on 2006 levels) and net neutrality by 2045.
- We must also update our methane accounting practices to best measure our emissions.



Invest resources in overburdened communities.



- Creates the Climate Justice Corps
 Program to promote climate justice with
 GHG reduction projects in
 disproportionately affected communities.
- Directs the MD Dept. of Environment to define overburdened communities and develop a plan to address EJ concerns.
- Creates the Climate Catalytic Capital Fund within the Maryland Clean Energy Center.



Reduce emissions in buildings

- Set building energy performance standards for public and private buildings.
- Authorizes counties to develop and adopt more stringent local building energy performance standards
- Creates a Building Energy Transition Implementation Task Force to create a plan to reduce our building emissions.



Electrify our state vehicles and school buses



- Requires a portion of purchased state passenger cars to be zero emission starting in 2023 and reaching 100% by 2027.
- Requires a portion of purchased state lightduty vehicles be zero emissions starting in 2028 and reaching 100% by 2033.
- Requires school boards to only purchase zero emission school buses unless unable to obtain sufficient funds starting in 2025.

