

February 25, 2019

From:
Annapolis Business Owners

To:
The Honorable Michael Busch
Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401
CC: Maryland General Assembly

Dear Mr. Speaker,

We are Annapolis shopkeepers in the City Dock district who are being dramatically harmed -- right now -- by flooding linked to climate change. An unprecedented study by Stanford University researchers shows that our shops in 2017 lost between \$86,000 and \$172,000 due to intensifying "nuisance flooding" triggered by sea-level rise. Indeed, the study shows we could begin losing 40,000 customers per year in coming years unless something is done to slow the pace of global warming.

For us, climate change is personal. Even on blue-sky days, we have to close down and notify our loyal customers as water seeps toward our shop doors and – for some of us – right into our commercial kitchens and retail space. We are losing our livelihoods as a result. Our families have less money, our downtown waterfront is losing its future, and commercial spaces are literally growing vacant with "for lease" signs out front.

Distinguished legislative leaders like you – in Maryland and around the world – must commit immediately to strong policies that favor clean energy over fossil fuels, the source of climate change. Please pass the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act (SB 516/HB 1158) THIS YEAR so our state can begin moving toward 100% clean electricity.

We cannot delay even one more year for clean energy solutions to this local and global issue. We don't have time for more bureaucratic reports and postponement. Our lives and our jobs literally depend on you, Mr. Speaker. We are your constituents. Please hear our voices.

Signed,

Name	Business	Address
Greg Gozzi	Gozzi Sewers & Gifts	110 Dock St. ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401
James Z	THOMAS LEVINE - Object Antiques & More	(B) 4 Dock St ANNAPOLIS MD 21401 17 MONTICELLO ANNAPOLIS 21401
Judith Schwartzberg	"The Big Cheese"	47 Randall St.

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Nancy Gurtshaw O'Brien's 113 Main St. Annapolis

Lynn Gotjen A.L. Foodies General Store 112 Main St. MD 21401

Jeremy Black Federal House Restaurant 22 Market Space Annapolis, MD

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Audrey Carter *Potato Valley Canteen*

Soha Givoni *Bonea Plus Silver Jewelry*

Amelia J. McGarvey *8 market space*