

The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland
Maryland State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1925

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**Letter From National Environmental Groups in Support of Maryland's
Top Environmental Bill to Protect Taxpayers and Fight Climate Change:
Support The RENEW Act Now!**

Dear Governor Moore,

As leaders of national environmental organizations, we have noticed and appreciated your leadership on climate change in Maryland. Now you have an opportunity to further that legacy and stand out as a *national* climate leader by supporting the Maryland [Responding to Emergency Needs from Extreme Weather \(RENEW\) Act](#).

As you know, this bill provides dramatic relief to Maryland taxpayers by asking the biggest oil companies responsible for global warming to pay their fair share of the cost to recover from and prepare for climate extremes like wildfires, flooding, and heatwaves.

A version of this bill was just signed into law by New York Governor Kathy Hochul and another version became law in Vermont in July. Six other states have introduced such bills, including California and your state of Maryland. Indeed, US Senator Chris Van Hollen wrote the first text for this bill as part of a similar federal push.

Governor, it is simply unfair that Maryland taxpayers should pay the full cost of climate impacts pummeling your state. Unless you and the General Assembly act, your constituents will hemorrhage billions of dollars to repair flooded roads and other storm-damaged infrastructure while oil companies make record

profits and pay nothing. The [RENEW Act](#) and other bills like it are written in a way that prevents the fossil fuel companies from passing on this “climate superfund fee” to consumers.

Governor, thank you for all your climate leadership already. From the Maryland POWER Act that incentivizes offshore wind to your new ENERGIZE Act to address grid concerns, you have made a difference on this crucial issue.

Now please cement that legacy on a national scale by supporting the [RENEW Act](#).

Sincerely,

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Baltimore Phil Berrigan Memorial	Mothers Out Front
Chapter Veterans For Peace	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
Beyond Extreme Energy	Oil Change International
CASA	People's Action Institute
CCAN Action Fund	Public Citizen
Center for Biological Diversity	Rachel Carson Council
Climate Defenders	Sunrise Movement
Climate Hawks Vote	Third Act
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