

Minute of Support for the Climate Solutions Now Act  
From Homewood Friends Meeting

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Homewood Friends Meeting, a congregation of the Religious Society of Friends in Baltimore City, strongly endorses and supports the Climate Solutions Now Act (SB 0414 and HB 0583) that is being considered by the Maryland General Assembly in the current session. We are pleased that the Assembly is considering this multifaceted bill that would implement strategies for pollution reduction; support the transition to a green economy in Maryland; and ensure environmental justice for vulnerable, front line communities. The bill also addresses the need to protect fossil fuel workers during the transition to an economy powered by renewable energy. Perhaps most significantly, the bill sets a firm standard and an accelerated timetable for the state to reach net zero of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

Homewood Friends Meeting is part of the Quaker Voice of Maryland, a faith based legislative advocacy group that has identified the Climate Solutions Now Act as the most significant environmental bill before the Assembly this year. We unite with Quakers across Maryland and, indeed, many faith groups – Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and others – that see the passage of this bill as a key response to the urgent problems triggered by climate change and disruption.

Homewood Friends Meeting is also part of the Friends Committee on National Legislation that works for “an earth restored” and “a society with equity and justice for all” (FCNL statement of legislative policy). We believe that both of these aims not only can be achieved, but that each is necessary for the other to truly exist.

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