Maryland's own report says This will put a strain on the electric grid!



Without substantial investments in grid improvements and transmission capacity, the electric grid will become unstable, especially during peak demand periods.

The Maryland Climate Pathway report does not consider engineering challenges that come with electrification but calls for significant investments in infrastructure and the deployment of new technologies.

MARYLAND RESIDENTS NEED A BACKUP PLAN

"Power failure is particularly problematic for homes that are heated with electricity.

Widespread power outages during the winter months can directly impact vulnerable populations such as the elderly & medically frail."

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Reach out to your legislators! Speak up for your energy future!

Please join us in this critical effort to oppose the Maryland Climate Pathway report, an expensive and unworkable proposal that will force electrification of space and water heating in Maryland.

There are less expensive and more practical ways to reduce the carbon intensity of heating.

You can have your voice heard by calling your legislator and telling them you don't agree with the Maryland Climate Pathway report.

When writing/emailing your legislators, you can use the prewritten email/letter that we've provided and add your own thoughts or write an entirely new message based on your perspective.



PROTECT YOUR FIREPLACE



WARNING! The Maryland General Assembly will consider eliminating Gas Fireplaces in 2024

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS AND TELL THEM YOU WANT FUEL CHOICE

Maryland is in the beginning stages of mandating that all residents **electrify** all gas appliances, including fireplaces, stoves, water heaters, dryers, furnaces and boilers - and your cars and trucks!

SUPPORT FUEL CHOICE LEGISLATION



DEMAND ENERGY CHOICE

25 states have already enacted laws for fuel choice which stop states and localities from implementing arbitrary policies that promote electrification and eliminate energy choice by restricting the use of gas appliances, such as fireplaces, in homes and businesses.

SUPPORT SMART DECARBONIZATION

The hearth industry supports decarbonization, but we believe there is no one-size-fits all approach. Fuels such as natural gas, propane, renewables are biofuels and are part of the solution, when included with other types of electric generation.

WE SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE

Maryland residents and businesses should have the choice on how they cook, heat and make hot water. This ensures the reliability Marylanders respect.

SPEAK UP FOR YOUR ENERGY FUTURE



The hearth industry is not against cleaning up the environment; we are against doing it without the choice of renewable fuels and consumer choice.

For more information or to sign up to receive "ACTION ALERTS" please visit: SMARTHEATMD.COM

If you stand for fuel choice, please let your legislator know how you feel:

Have your voice heard!



THEIR STRATEGY ECONOMY WIDE CAP & INVEST

TAX GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

"To put it simply, a TAX is imposed on greenhouse gas emissions and the money collected is then supposed to be spent on reducing or mitigating climate impacts. The tax rate is set by auction and will likely increase over time as the cap is tightened."

The state is looking for 60% reductions by 2031 and net zero by 2045.

The Maryland Climate Pathway report states that, "a tax on greenhouse gas emissions would have significant impacts on poorer communities."

Clearly, this cap-and-invest proposal will likely be the most controversial of the measures modeled in the plan, but there is far more in its 118 pages.

- EV policy for all vehicles
- Replace fossil fuel appliances through attrition
- All electric construction in 2027
- Studies on vehicle miles traveled

MARYLAND POLITICIANS NEED TO SLOW DOWN AND CONSIDER COST AND IMPACT