



In 2019, Harford County Climate Action supported 9 bills in the Maryland State Legislature.

The first three listed here passed.

1. **HB 1453/Senate Bill 732, the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act (Renewable Energy and Job Development)**, which increases renewable energy production to 50% by 2030, and requires a plan for getting to 100% by 2050.
2. **HB 0109/Senate Bill 0285, "Environment-Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products Prohibition.** This bill prohibits disposable food containers made of expanded polystyrene foam (Styrofoam).
3. **SB 0573/ HB 0650, Energy Storage Pilot Project Act**, which requires the PSC to establish a pilot program to use battery power for electricity backup in lieu of gas "peakers" - power plants that generally run only when there is a high demand, known as peak demand, for electricity.

This is how your Harford County Representatives voted:

	Senator Bob Cassilly	Sen. Gallion	Sen. Jennings	Delegate Arian	Del Andrew Cassilly	Del Imprallaria	Del Johnson	Del Lisanti	Del McComas	Del Szeliga
Energy Storage	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Polystyrene	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Clean Energy Jobs Act	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

The next 6 bills made it only 25-50% of the way through the process, and were held up or voted "No" in committees.

4. **HB 669/Senate Bill 387, the Maryland Pipeline and Water Protection Act**, which would have closed a loophole in environmental review of new pipelines proposed in the state.
5. **HB 0117/SB 0003: Smart Growth Investment Fund**, which would have disincentivized sprawl development. (R. Cassilly, Jennings, Gallion voted "NO.")
6. **HB 0120/SB 0203: Natural Resources – No Net Loss of Forest**, which would have protected state coverage of forest land. (R. Cassilly, Jennings, Gallion voted "NO")
7. **HB 0472, the Green Amendment**, which would have added Marylanders' right to breathable air, uncontaminated water and a clean environment to the state constitution, along with current rights, such as free speech and freedom of religion.
8. **HB 0275/SB 0270, Pesticides – Use of Chlorpyrifos – Prohibition**, which would have banned chlorpyrifos. Chlorpyrifos is a toxic nerve agent pesticide proven to cause brain damage in children, contaminate waterways, and harm wildlife. After years of study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concluded that chlorpyrifos is unsafe at any detectable level.

9. **SB 0788/ HB 0695 The Transportation Accountability Act**, which would have required a comprehensive study of the anticipated greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution of any highway project, both state-funded or built through a public-private partnership.