

The Earth Ministry is asking members of RRUUC support three important climate and climate justice bills which are being debated now in Annapolis. The first two bills have been selected by the UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland as top climate priorities in the 2021 session which runs from Jan to April. The third bill would allow Montgomery County to move toward universal clean electricity as a pilot for the whole state. For more information on the bills go to this link with UULM-Maryland.

<https://www.uulmmd.org/cc-2021-session?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=41562515-2386-4c4b-b875-d320cbdfa7df>

(If links do not work, please copy and paste them into your browser.)

1. The first bill is **Climate Solutions Now - HB 583 / SB 414** this bill would

- Move MD's Greenhouse Gas Reduction mandate to net neutral by 2045.
- Invest resources in overburdened communities.
- Protect Fossil Fuel Workers in a just transition to clean energy
- Enact simple, effective policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Here is the link to contact your Maryland Representatives and Senators on this bill:

<https://ccanactionfund.org/maryland/climate-solutions-now/>

2. The Second bill is the **Transportation Safety and Investment Act - HB 114 / SB 199**. This bill would

- fund needed repairs for buses and MARC for the whole state but focusing on the dire needs in Baltimore which serves a large African American population.

Here is the link to contact your Maryland Representatives and Senators on this bill:

[https://addup.sierraclub.org/campaigns/save-public-transit-funding-in-maryland-439713?\\_ga=2.170559200.1983004790.1611844688-2117187757.1605966402](https://addup.sierraclub.org/campaigns/save-public-transit-funding-in-maryland-439713?_ga=2.170559200.1983004790.1611844688-2117187757.1605966402)

3. The Third bill is **Community Choice Energy HB 768/** no SB # yet.

This bill would allow Montgomery County to start a pilot program for the state of Maryland, to be an energy middleman and purchase clean and inexpensive electricity for county residents. This is critical for Mont Co to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Here is the link to contact your Maryland Representatives and Senators on this bill:

<https://secure.foodandwaterwatch.org/act/md-community-choice-aggregation>

Thank you!!!!  
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