



# SIERRA CLUB

MARYLAND CHAPTER

Dear Governor Hogan,

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C urged governments to reduce climate pollution 45% by 2030. We support your commitment to join other states in the Transportation & Climate initiative to create a cap and invest program to limit climate-disrupting pollution from transportation fuels and generate new investments for public transit, electric vehicles, and walking and biking infrastructure.

However, this program needs to be done right. I'm writing because I urge you to adopt an agreement to align with IPCC science based goals, which means we must create a cap that limits pollution to no more than 150 million metric tons region-wide, roughly the equivalent of a 45% reduction by 2032.

It is essential that you hold at least 6 public engagement sessions in Maryland's 5 regions (Baltimore Metro region, Washington Metro region, Southern Maryland, Eastern Shore, and Western Maryland) to gain input from communities that you can incorporate into the agreement. We need a program that invests substantially in communities that are overburdened with disproportionate levels of transportation pollution and communities that are under-resourced with access to good and affordable housing, education, healthcare, and other amenities due to lack of transportation infrastructure.

Please rise to this opportunity to work across state lines to tackle the climate crisis, invest in modern transportation infrastructure, and revitalize our communities in the absence of federal action.

Sincerely,

Maryland Sierra Club members and supporters