

Dear Chairperson, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment:

I am excited by the opportunity offered by HB 2488. Please do all you can to make sure it passes, since it will bring to the forefront of consideration the environmental and climate change impacts of new state policies. This is a crucial priority for the viability of our local economies and for public health. Moreover the equity lens that this legislation will bring to policy is likewise sorely needed. May we avail ourselves of the knowledge held by communities who have wisdom to share about survival in challenging times and best practices with respect to the environment.

Thank you for your work.