CLIMATE CRISIS AND EDUCATION ACT
Providing a Strong Education Today and a Livable World Tomorrow

Marylanders know that changes in the climate are threatening the future of our children, our economy, and our infrastructure. Our Children’s Future Act will:

**CHARGE POLLUTERS** for the damage they are causing

**RETURN THE MONEY** to our children through unprecedented investments in education, families, and communities.

OCFA will enable Maryland to transition to a more healthy and sustainable economy in a predictable, progressive, and stable way.

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INVESTING IN EDUCATION

OCFA will provide $350 million annually to help fund improvements of the state educational system mandated by the Kirwan Initiative. These funds could go to:

**INCREASING** teacher salaries

**IMPROVING** student career preparation

**ADDITIONAL** counselors and health professionals

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Rising sea levels this century threaten to sink 61,548 homes across Maryland — valued at $19 billion — by the year 2100, according to the real estate data firm Zillow. The two recent Ellicott City floods alone are estimated to have cost over $40 million, with $50 million more to be spent trying to protect the city from future storms.

In the next decade, OCFA will direct $4.8 billion to:

**STRENGTHEN** infrastructure against climate change

**INVEST** in public transportation

**INVEST** in electric vehicle infrastructure

**PROTECT** displaced fossil fuel workers

**PROMOTE** local clean energy initiatives

**PROMOTE** sequestration of carbon in forests, soils and wetlands
FIRST YEAR (2021)
$880 MILLION
Carbon Pollution Price
$15/ton, non-transportation | $10/ton, transportation
Kirwan Funding — $350 M
Green Infrastructure Fund — $90 M
Household and Employer Rebate — $440 M
Gas Guzzler Tax — $40 M additional contributed to the GIF

TENTH YEAR (2030)
$1.74 BILLION
Carbon Pollution Price
$60/ton, non-transportation | $37/ton, transportation
Kirwan Funding — $350 M
Green Infrastructure Fund — $520 M
Household and Employer Rebate — $869 M
Gas Guzzler Tax — $185 M additional contributed to the GIF
INVESTING IN OUR FAMILIES

Low-income households use a disproportionate amount of their income for energy costs compared to upper-income households. For this reason, OCFA will dedicate 40% of the funds — $351 million — to protect low income and moderate income households from financial harm. Lower-income households will have as much or more money delivered to them each month in the form of a rebate check than they will spend on modest increases in energy bills or gasoline.

INVESTING IN OUR BUSINESSES

Maryland prides itself on its healthy economy. 10% of the funds — $88 million — will be used to protect energy-intensive, trade-exposed businesses from financial harm.