

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2003**

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Dear MIT Alumni of Maryland:

I have long supported swift and meaningful action on climate change – one of the most pressing issues of our time. The effects of a warming climate will have detrimental consequences for communities in Maryland and across the world and will acutely impact our most vulnerable populations. It's our responsibility to take immediate steps to address the climate crisis by investing in clean energy solutions, hardening our infrastructure and building resiliency so that we can mitigate the most disastrous effects of climate change and protect the well-being of our planet for future generations.

Science shows that climate change is a real threat to national security, human health, and our environment. It's exacerbating extreme weather events, straining our natural resources and endangering our communities. But at a time when we should be confronting these challenges, the Trump Administration and its Republican allies in Congress have taken many steps to undermine climate science and reward special-interest polluters by rolling back critical environmental and health protections.

With Democrats set to assume the majority in the House of Representatives next year, we will refocus America's legislative agenda and make climate action a top priority. As a member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee that has consistently received a 100-percent rating from the League of Conservation Voters, I will play a leading role in that effort and continue to take significant and serious steps toward a green energy future.

The science behind climate change is undeniable. We must meet this challenge with every available tool at our disposal. You can be sure that I will stand with fellow Marylanders and continue fighting for climate solutions, clean air and water, and a healthy environment for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress