

# CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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## Legislative Priorities and 2019's Legislative Outlook for the Region

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# 2019 Climate and Energy Legislative Committee Members

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- **District of Columbia**

- **Mary Cheh, DC Council (Alt. Nicole Rentz)**
- **Edward Yim, DC DOEE**
- **Austina Casey, DC DOT**
- **Stephen Gyor, DC OP**

- **Maryland**

- **Mary Lehman, MD House of Delegates**
- **Leta Mach, Greenbelt**
- **Al Carr, MD House of Delegates**
- **Tom Hucker, Montgomery County**
- **Erica Bannerman, PGC**

- **Virginia**

- **Dan Sze, City of Falls Church (Chair)**
- **Penelope Gross, Fairfax County**
- **Erik Gutshall, Arlington County**
- **Robert Lazaro, NVRC**



# COG's 2019 Legislative Priorities

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- **Adopted by COG Board – Jan 9**
- **2018 Climate and Energy & Air Quality Protection Priorities:**
  - **Support Deployment of Clean Energy Innovation and Technology**
  - **Expand Clean Energy Finance**
  - **Enhance Energy Security and Resilience**
  - **Support Policies that Preserve and Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health**
  - **Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals**



# 2019 Important Dates

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- **District of Columbia**
  - **January 8 – First Council Legislative Meeting**
    - **Thereafter, Council meets on the first Monday of each month**



# 2019 Important Dates - Maryland

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- **Maryland**
  - **January 9 – General Assembly Convenes**
  - **February 4 – Senate Bill Introduction**
  - **February 8 – House Bill Introduction**
  - **March 18 – Bill Crossover**
  - **April 8 – Adjournment “Sine Die”**
  - **April 28 – Final Date to present Bills to Governor**
  - **May 28 – Deadline for Governor to Sign/Veto Bills**



# 2019 Important Dates - Virginia

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- **Virginia**
  - **January 9 – General Assembly Convenes**
  - **January 18 – All bills and joint resolutions filed**
  - **February 6 – Bill Crossover**
  - **February 23 – Adjournment “Sine Die”**
  - **April 3 – Reconvened Session Begins**



# District of Columbia Legislation

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- **B22-0904 – The CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018**
  - Passed in December 2018
  - Increases Renewable Portfolio Standard to 100% by 2032
  - Establishes solar energy standard post 2032
  - Establishes standards for electricity suppliers regarding renewable energy purchases
  - Removes restrictions on energy efficiency measures
  - Expands functions of the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund
  - Establishes an energy performance standard program for buildings at DOEE
  - Authorizes Mayor to commit the District to participation in regional greenhouse gas emission reducing programs
  - Requires DMV to issue regulations tying the vehicle excise tax to fuel efficiency



# Expected Maryland Legislation

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- **Clean Energy Jobs Act**

- Similar bill (HB 1453) was withdrawn last year after receiving an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee
- New bill would expand Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50% by 2030

- **Community Solar Bill**

- **Expanded Polystyrene Ban**

- **Green Amendment to Constitution**

- Senate Committee held a hearing regarding an environmental constitutional amendment last year
- Since then, a new coalition has been advancing this issue
- Would establish a constitutional right to uncontaminated water and air, and a healthy environment for present and future generations of Marylanders





# Expected Virginia Legislation

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- **Already a number of bills filed**
- **2 Net Metering Proposals expected to come out of the Rubin Group**
- **2 Solar Bills:**
  - 1. Solar Freedom Bill**
    - Removes 1% cap on net metered solar
    - Confirms legality of PPAs for customer-sited solar
    - Allows local governments to install solar facilities of up to 5 MW on government-owned property and use the electricity for nearby government-owned buildings
  - 2. Delegate Kathy Tran proposing a similar bill that is narrower in focus – Focused on local government**
- **RGGI revenues bill**



# Looking Forward

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- **The proposed Green New Deal**

- Comprehensive proposal to deal with climate change and income inequality
- Ambitious goal of converting the country's entire power supply to renewable energy within 10 from the deal's adoption
- Upgrades building stock with energy efficiency measures
- Funds investment into green technologies
- Includes proposal to provide opportunity, training, and education to all Americans
- Also includes universal healthcare programs and a jobs guarantee program

