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New Reports Highlight Urgent Need to Invest in Clean, Renewable Energy to Protect Marylanders' Health and Climate

Annapolis, Md. - Maryland Delegate Mary Washington in collaboration with [The Maryland Environmental Health Network](#) (MdEHN) and the [Climate Communication Consortium of Maryland](#) (CCCoM) will hold a press event for legislators, researchers and the media on the intersection of public health, energy and climate change in Maryland.

Research shows that dirty energy causes harmful air pollution, contaminates our water, makes us sick, and is increasing frequency and intensity of weather events. A [recent report](#) by the Maryland Environmental Health Network highlights the connections between energy choices and health problems in Maryland.

Marylanders are aware of the connection between energy and health and are ready for change, according to a new [George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication](#) study being released at the event. Del. Washington supports the efforts of her colleagues to introduce legislation that addresses the findings of these important reports. Legislators will speak about upcoming bills that protect the rights of Marylanders to breathe clean air.

What: Public Health, Energy and Climate Change in Maryland Press Event

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Where: Room 142, The Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis, MD

Who: Featured Speakers:

- Delegate Mary Washington
- Delegate Clarence Lam
- Delegate Luke Clippinger
- Senator Brian Feldman
- Senator Joanne Benson
- Maryland Environmental Health Network
- George Mason Center for Climate Change Communication

Representatives from Moms Clean Air Force will also be available for comment.

Light refreshments will be served.

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Climate Communication Consortium of Maryland: The Consortium's mission is to broaden and deepen public engagement in climate change and energy issues across all of Maryland's communities and sectors by encouraging and facilitating collaboration in the communication efforts of government agencies and elected officials, businesses, non-profit organizations, advocates and citizens.

<http://www.climatemaryland.org/>

The Maryland Environmental Health Network: MdEHN seeks to improve the health of Marylanders by minimizing exposures to environmental threats and toxic chemicals, by promoting effective environmental legislation and institutional policies (including enforcement), and by advancing environmental health equity throughout Maryland. www.MdEHN.org

Read our report Energy & Health in Maryland A Briefing for Health Professionals at:

<http://mdehn.org/reports/energyhealth/>