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***PLACE* Citizens Demand Global Warming Solutions for Md. “Town Hall” meeting is one of dozens of Md. events calling for strong action to address global warming**

DATE—Over *NUMBER* concerned citizens, activists and scientists gathered *WHERE* today to attend an interactive “Town Hall” meeting to discuss the impacts of and solutions to global warming in Maryland. The forum is part of a state-wide month of action to highlight global warming solutions.

Today Marylanders stood up and demanded real action to solve the crisis of global warming,” said *CLAIRE DOUGLASS, MD. CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR THE CHESAPEAKE CLIMATE ACTION, A CO-SPONSOR OF THE EVENT*. Marylanders know that the time to commit is now!”

Governor O’Malley created a Commission on Climate Change to determine what actions Maryland should take to address global warming. The commission is expected to recommend a target pollution reduction level by the end of this month. The *PLACE* town hall meeting is one of dozens of events taking place across Maryland this month to highlight the impacts of global warming on Maryland and the grassroots support for a strong commitment to reducing global warming pollution.

“We need to reduce our global warming pollution dramatically to avoid the worst impacts of global warming and yet Maryland, one of the worst polluters in the country, is on track to increase its global warming emissions,” said *NAME*, who attended the town hall meeting. “I came out tonight to lend my voice to a growing number of Marylanders who are demanding strong action on global warming.”

The town hall meeting comes a month after the Metropolitan Council of Governments found that the Maryland suburbs -- often stereotyped as green-leaning and blue-voting -- produce more carbon dioxide than either the Virginia suburbs or the District. The study also determined that the DC area produces more carbon dioxide than several medium-size European countries.

With over 3,000 miles of coastline – more than California – Maryland is already beginning to feel the effects of global warming. Sea level rise is causing flooding in low lying coastal communities. More intense storms are damaging beachfront properties and causing insurance rates to rise. And severe droughts are hurting Maryland farmers.

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