

# Alliance for Global Warming Solutions

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### **Activists Kick Off a “Month of Action” By Calling on Governor O’Malley to Set Targeted Limits for Global Warming Pollution in Maryland**

*Advocates deliver thousands of citizen postcards to Governor O’Malley and prepare for town hall meetings across the state in anticipation of the Commission on Climate Change recommendations due November 14th*

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Even as the state prepares for a Special Session, members from an alliance of environmental, health, and faith-based organization today delivered approximately 4,000 citizen postcards to the Governor’s office calling on the O’Malley Administration to set state targets to reduce global warming pollution. The group is also working with hundreds of activists to organize a “month of action” in anticipation of a November 14th vote from the Commission on Climate Change, which is due to make recommendations to the state on policies to reduce global warming.

The Alliance is calling on the O’Malley administration to commit the state to science-based reductions in global warming pollution. Scientists agree that we must reduce emissions at least 20% by 2020 and 80% by 2050 in order to avoid the worst impacts of global warming.

Claire Douglass from Chesapeake Climate Action Network is working with citizens to organize the town hall meetings. Ms. Douglass said: “I have never seen so much passion and excitement as I have around the Global Warming Solution Month of Action. Groups and individuals are stepping up and taking the lead in their own communities to plan town hall meetings, write letters to the editor, and much more.”

The Town Hall meetings feature speakers, a Q&A session, and information on how citizens can fight global warming in Maryland. The scheduled town hall meetings are:

- Oct 25th - Easton, Avalon Theatre, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 25th - Arnold, Anne Arundel Community College, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 6th - Catonsville, Catonsville Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Nov 7th - Greenbelt, Greenbelt Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 12th - Towson, Goucher College, 6:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m.
- Nov 12th - St. Mary's City, St. Mary's College, 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 15th - Accokeek, Henry G. Ferguson Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.

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Cindy Schwartz, of Maryland League of Conservation Voters, said: “Even as our elected officials are focused on the state’s budget deficit, they must take action on global warming -- we simply cannot afford to waste any more time. Maryland can and should be a national leader in finding solutions to global warming.”

The Alliance for Global Warming Solutions has collected a total of more than 12,000 signatures from across the state calling on Governor O’Malley to cut global warming pollution. The Alliance delivered more than 3,000 postcards to the governor in June and an additional 5,000 postcards to Tad Aburn from the Maryland Department of the Environment at a rally in August. In addition to citizen signatures, more than 22 businesses and 30 organizations have signed a letter calling for a state commitment to science-based reductions in emissions.

Brad Heavner of Environment Maryland said: “We’re going to keep pounding the pavement until the state makes a firm commitment. Everywhere we go, people are charged up about this.”

In Spring 2007, Governor O’Malley created the Commission on Climate Change by executive order to develop an action plan addressing the causes of climate change.

For more information visit [www.allianceforglobalwarmingsolutions.org](http://www.allianceforglobalwarmingsolutions.org)

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