A decade ago the City of Annapolis was proactive in support of initiatives to reduce pollutants in our water and air. The Annapolis Comprehensive plan summarizes our program to reduce air pollution called "take a deep breath"

That was shared with elementary school students throughout the County. Parents were asked to commit to driving 10 miles less a week. Unfortunately not too many people took the pledge but it did provide good "what if "math exercises for students.

The City needs to be more proactive again. As a Capital City we should be a model for other towns and cities to follow.

At one time Annapolis was recognized nationally (and internationally as well) as a City that set high standards for the environment. We were even featured in the NYT for our commitment to clean air.

I urge your support for joining other cities in the USA □□ for meeting and exceeding the goals of the International Paris Climate agreement.

Additionally I am disappointed and alarmed that the Presidents withdrawal not only isolates us from 200 global neighbor nations but opens the door for China to move in to international leadership while seizing the opportunity to describe The USA western liberal values and democracy as a government that doesn't work.

Unfortunately I have another commitment and cannot attend this meeting. I hope my statement will be entered into the record.

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