**SAMPLE LETTER THAT YOU CAN USE TO WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATOR**

February 12, 2019

The Honorable (First name) (Last name)

([Address](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmmain.aspx?pid=legisrpage&tab=subject6) link here),

Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for the Maryland Green Schools Act of 2019, Senate Bill 662

 Sponsors: Senator Thomas (Mike) Miller, Senator King and Senator Pinsky

Dear (Delegate/Senator) (Last name):

My name is (your first and last name) and I believe that the Maryland Green Schools Act of 2019 is important legislation that helps to realize the vision of Maryland’s Environmental Literacy requirement in COMAR and the goal within the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. If passed, this bill will foster the next generation of environmental stewards who will be connected to, protect, and care for the environment and natural resources in our schools and communities.

Green School benefits include;

* + Student performance can improve by up to 25 percent

Operating costs for energy and water can be reduced by 20 to 40 percent, leaving more funding for the classroom.

* + Students, teachers, administrators, and staff spending time in and around sustainable Green Schools experience fewer absences and illnesses, and generally express more satisfaction with their school experience.

I reside in your district where we are trying to increase the number of Maryland Green Schools. This legislation will ensure an increase in green schools.

(Include a personal story about your work with Maryland Green Schools, how the students at your schools are transformed, about the sustainable best management practices that you have helped to create. Tell your representative why the issue is important to you and how it affects you, your family member and your community.)

I am asking for your support for Senate Bill 662. Please let me know how you intend to vote.

 (Be sure to include your name and address on both your letter and envelope.)

Please let us know if and when you contact your legislators.

Sincerely, SIGN YOUR NAME

Print your name Street address City, State, Zip code