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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2601

Letter in Opposition to HB 2601:

I am in opposition to 2601 regarding instructions to the State Treasurer on investments in fossil fuels. I'm strongly supportive of measures regarding limiting climate change, but I don't think this is the one. I drive an all-electric vehicle and have for the past four years. I would like to see the state fleet changed to all non-polluting vehicles within the next few years. But stopping investments in the fossil fuel industry is not the way to do it. It ignores the fact that so much of petroleum products are not related to transportation nor are they contributing to climate change. I'm talking about products produced with petroleum by-products like ink, and glues, and golf balls, and toys, and cameras, and milk jugs, and balloons, and caulking, medicines, and cosmetics, and asphalt roofing materials, and asphalt that's used for highways. There are literally thousands of products that we depend upon every day that are petroleum byproducts but are not fuels and are not contributing to climate change. It's myopic to think that we can divest ourselves from investments in fossil fuels and not affect all these other products. We need to simply change from using petroleum as a fuel and simply depend on it for these other petroleum byproducts. I wish the legislature best of luck in controlling climate change, but without this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

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