



## DEFINING CLIMATE CHANGE “ADAPTATION”

### The International Panel on Climate Change

“Adjustments in ecological, social, or economic systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli and their effects or impacts.”

### The Pew Center on Global Climate Change

“Actions by individuals or systems to avoid, withstand, or take advantage of current and projected climate changes and impacts. Adaptation decreases a system’s vulnerability, or increases its resilience to impacts.”

### Virginia Manufacturers Association

Actions taken or decisions made by individuals or businesses in response to actual or expected changes in ecological, social, or economic systems.

*Note: Definitions of adaptation should take into account the natural tendency of individuals and business to adapt to given stimuli.*