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Reply to:

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Ronald Young  
Chair, Education, Health, and Environment Affairs  
2 West  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 254 – On-Site Disposal Systems – Inspections

Dear Senator Young and Committee Members:

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (the Conference) **supports SB 254 with amendments** with respect to the regulation of on-site disposal system inspections.

The Conference welcomes the intent to increase accountability for licensure of on-site sewage disposal system septic systems. We support the following amendments to the bill:

9-217.2 (A) License holder is defined as one who engages in on-site sewage disposal system property transfer inspections.

9-217.2 (D) (2)(I)1. Change “or” to “and”

9-217.2.(F)1.Delete guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction, inserting an administrative fine.

9-217.2(F)3. Delete imposed by a court and insert any administrative fine collected by the Department. Delete Maryland Clean Water and insert on-site sewage disposal system account of the Bay Restoration Fund established under § 9-1605.2(H) of this article.

Delete and used to support the costs associated with implementing the requirements of this section.

9-217.2.(G) Delete entire section.

9-217.2. Insert H. to state: The Department shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

Accordingly, we request the Committee **SUPPORT SB 254 WITH AMENDMENTS.**

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. If you have further questions concerning this written testimony, please contact me at 301-883-7602.

Respectfully,

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Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors