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TESTIMONY OF DELEGATE PAM QUEEN HB 1512 – Historic African American Cemeteries Preservation Fund SUPPORT

Greetings Chair Shane Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk, and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

HB 1512 establishes an Historic African American Cemeteries Preservation Fund to provide funding to maintain graves, monuments, or markers at historic African American Cemeteries; to provide routine maintenance at historic African American Cemeteries; to erect and maintain markers; and to support digital recording of historic records.

This fund would be administered by the Department of Planning with requested funding provided in Governor's budget.

I seek a favorable recommendation for this bill to help preserve Maryland's grand history.