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Reply to:

DATE: March 29, 2021  
TO: Members, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
FROM: Maryland Association of County Health Officers  
Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors  
RE: HB 1069 - Water Supply – Private Well Safety Program

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (the Conference) and the Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO) **Support HB 1069 as Amended.** The Conference and MACHO are affiliates of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and represent county environmental health directors and county Health Officers who lead the state's 24 local public health departments.

Although the original bill was burdensome on local health departments, the amended bill removed those barriers while still protecting Maryland's citizenry. The bill provides a mechanism for testing, notification, and remediation of detected contaminants of private well water supply systems to protect renters through an established sampling protocol.

The Conference and MACHO appreciates the bill's flexibility to protect public and environmental health. Additionally, we stand ready to work with state policymakers to develop targeted measures to ensure safe drinking water for all Marylanders.

Accordingly, the Conference and MACHO requests the Committee give HB 1069 as Amended a **FAVORABLE** report.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. If you have further questions concerning this written testimony, please contact:

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