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Testimony for Senate Bill 18  
Local Government Tort Claims Act - Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc.  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
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Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 18 - Local Government Tort Claims Act - Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc.**

This Bill passed unanimously in this Committee last session.

Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI) was established in 2018 by the Cambridge City Council and the Dorchester County Council. Since 2018, CWDI has fostered community partnerships and relationships, while planning for mixed-use redevelopment along the Cambridge Waterfront.

Senate Bill 18 alters the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include CWDI under "Local Government". This bill will provide protections through the act, similar to ones afforded to other economic development entities across the State.

As Dorchester County and Cambridge continue to grow and redevelop, CWDI will continue to be an important partner. Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 18.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Addie C. Eckardt".

Senator Addie C. Eckardt