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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 29

Bill Title: Baltimore City Soil Conservation District - Establishment - Requirements
Hearing Date: January 25, 2023, Education, Energy, and the Environment

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to request your support for Senate Bill 29 (Baltimore City Soil Conservation District – Establishment – Requirements). In past years, we have put in place the statutory requirements to establish a Soil Conservation District in Baltimore City, as with the other twenty-three jurisdictions. After a strong discussion with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, we now have a bill to set the requirements and the structure.

A Soil Conservation District in Baltimore City will bolster environmental sustainability efforts, restore natural resources, and provide new opportunities for the constituents of the City of Baltimore to impact and interact more with our environment. Senate Bill 29 sets the formal structure to give the Department of Agriculture formal notice when the establishment begins, gives the Mayor of Baltimore the authority to appoint the board of supervisors for our respective jurisdiction, engages the Secretary of State for the official record, and aligns Baltimore City with the appropriation as all other soil conversation districts.

I respectfully request a favorable report of Senate Bill 29, to ensure that we are providing the greatest opportunity for our environment to thrive for future generations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

Cory V. McCray
State Senator