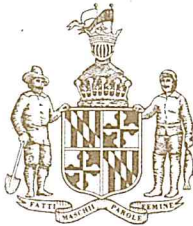


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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 77

***HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –
HOMEOWNER’S EXTREME WEATHER MITIGATION AND
PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM***

EDUCATION, ENERGY, & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 77 is a very straightforward bill that requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a mitigation grant program for homeowners impacted by water damage caused by extreme weather. To go along with the establishment of the program, the legislation also requires an annual appropriation of \$5 million per year to provide grants to those served by the program.

This legislation would help to ensure that those dealing with damages related to severe weather events are able to make themselves whole for damages that are proven uncovered by insurance. As time passes, extreme weather events are becoming more and more prevalent due to the clear impacts of climate change. This legislation will simply provide for homeowners, local governments, and non-profit organizations to adequately respond to the public health impacts that these events create in their communities.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 77.