

To: Environmental and Transportation Committee – House Bill 924

My name is Robert Zacherl, President of the Wells McComas Citizens Improvement Association, founded in 1956. Our community is located in Southeast Baltimore County. Our boundaries include the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant and follow Back River approximately 4 miles east to Wise Ave extended with North Point Boulevard our boundary to the south.

I am writing in support of HB 924. There have been multiple issues and a lack of oversight of the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant for years culminating in the state takeover in 2022. This Bill is a very good first step in assuring our community and the entire southeast Baltimore County area that the MDE continues to monitor the plant's operation. The management of the plant over the last several years has been nothing more than dismal. The maintenance of the equipment has been next to non-existent and there has been no transparency. These facts have been well documented in the past year and our community welcomes the possibility of continued oversight by the State.

We implore you to pass HB 924 and we look at this Bill as a great step forward to bringing back stability to the Treatment Plant and the Back River region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Zacherl', written in a cursive style.

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