



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

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**Committee:** House Environmental & Transportation

**Bill:** HB 289 – Maryland Forestry Education Fund – Establishment

**Position:** Support

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 289, which establishes a Forestry Education Fund with the goal of environmental, economic, and social sustainability of forest health.

Local governments benefit greatly from healthy forests and sustainable forest management. This fund could provide grants to local governments to test innovative best management practices and provide resources like training and education to municipal leaders to further municipal forest growth.

The Maryland Municipal League greatly appreciates the Sponsor's attention to this issue and respectfully requests a favorable committee report on House Bill 289.

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