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*Environmental Protection and Restoration
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Senate Bill 703

Board of Public Works – Transparency Dashboard

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To: Budget & taxation Committee

Position: **Favorable**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** SB 703, which would direct the Office of the Comptroller to create and provide staff and technical support to maintain a publicly accessible Board of Public Works Transparency Dashboard. Similar transparency tools have been successfully implemented by local governments throughout Maryland, including Baltimore City and Baltimore County. These tools provide a valuable resource for vendors and the public to see and understand where State funds are being spent.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on SB 703.

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