

SB0354 Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup - Establishment Support FAV

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members,

My name is Jennifer Johnson and I am the Founder of Friends of St. Peter's Cemetery. The cemetery was opened in 1851 and is the hallowed ground for approximately 15,000 individuals who worked and lived in West Baltimore. My cemetery work has been recognized and honored by several local organizations and has been featured multiple times in the past few years on all local news networks.

Currently there is not a unified database for all cemeteries in Maryland. There should be so that there is standardized tracking, protection and maintenance of all cemeteries in Maryland. Having a unified database is just one piece to an overall larger more efficient streamlined process to maintain order and decency for all Maryland Cemeteries.

I unfortunately, could not provide oral testimony due to other commitments. However, I ask that you please support SB0354 Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup-Establishment.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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