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The Maryland Association of Counties, Inc.

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TO: Members of the Health Committee
FROM: Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors
Maryland Association of County Health Officers
RE: **HB 274 – State Board of Environmental Health Specialists – Sunset Extension**

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (Conference) provides this letter of **Support** for **HB 274** in their capacities as the State’s twenty-four Environmental Health Directors who carry out delegated authorities from both the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Maryland Department of Health (MDH). The Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO) joins the Conference in **Support** of HB 274 in their capacities as the State’s twenty-four Local Health Officers who have the authorities for the delegation of work by both MDE and MDH and oversee the scope of work of the Environmental Health Directors and their staff.

The role of the Board of Environmental Health Specialists (Board) is vital in aiding in the protection of public health through promotion and management of Environmental Health licensing standards. HB 274 would continue the Board’s important work and enable the local health departments to carry out their delegated responsibilities on behalf of the state agencies and ensure qualified, licensed staff to do that work.

For these reasons, the Conference and MACHO provides this LOS for HB 274.
This communication reflects the position of the Conference and MACHO.

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