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“Celebrating over 110 years of Civil Rights”

The Honorable Chairman Kumar Barve
House of Delegates

Re: Support for HB 517

Dear Chairman Barve:

I am writing you on behalf of the Wicomico County NAACP to request your support of HB 517, a constitutional Amendment for Environmental Health & Justice. We support HB 517 because no community should bear a disproportional burden of environmental threats or be excluded from public participation in decisions that determine the health of their families or the future of these communities.

Next, limiting ourselves to legislative remedies to these threats, when legislators work part-time, is not the best way to address an environmental health burden when it occurs. Courts and Judges are best equipped to quickly resolve or prevent environmental disputes.

Finally, a constitutional right, as opposed to a regular law, is the Environmental Health & Justice Amendment is the way to accomplish this in Maryland.

Respectfully,
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