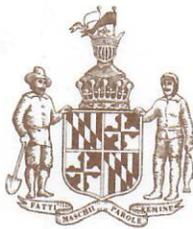


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House Bill 1035
Bay Restoration Fund-Use of Funds-Municipal Wastewater Facilities
Environment & Transportation Committee
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Dear Chairman Barve & Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present House Bill 1035-Bay Restoration Fund, Use of Funds-Municipal Wastewater Facilities. This proposed legislation will allow projects to utilize Bay Restoration Funds to connect to wastewater facilities that are in the process of upgrading to achieve enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) or biological nutrient removal (BNR) level treatment. Currently, projects can only utilize these funds once the upgrade has been completed.

As Senator Eckardt shared at the bill hearing for Senate Bill 495, the cross-file of this bill, this legislation was requested by the Town of Trappe. After this request, other projects in Dorchester County and Frederick County were identified that would benefit from this legislation. Each of these projects need to connect to wastewater treatment facilities, but do not have the funds to do so. Until the facilities have been upgraded, these projects are unable to utilize Bay Restoration Funds. The projects are, effectively, halted until the wastewater treatment facilities are upgraded.

This bill will allow projects to continue, while ensuring that they are connected to facilities that will achieve ENR or BNR capabilities.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report of House Bill 1035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Adams".

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