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Testimony for Senate Bill 337
Splash Pads – Lifeguards
Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 337 – Splash Pads – Lifeguards. This proposed legislation would allow splash pads to operate without lifeguards. This bill will ease burdens imposed on many of our local municipalities.

As defined in this bill, splash pads include sprinklers and fountains that do not allow water to accumulate. Current law requires these pads to, unnecessarily, be under the supervision of a lifeguard. This burden has led to many towns shutting down their splash pads, negatively impacting our low-income communities who do not have access to swimming pools. Specifically, Federalsburg in Caroline County has faced this problem. This legislation will give our communities the ability to operate these splash pads that many residents utilize.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 337. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Addie Eckardt'.

Senator Addie Eckardt