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*is a statewide, independent, all-volunteer, citizen 501 (c) 3 organization.*  
*We are dedicated to **preserve, protect, enhance, and advocate** for our state parks.*

## **Friends of Maryland State Parks Written Testimony HB640 Rehabilitation Tax Credit - Certified Historic Structure - Definition**

**The Friends of Maryland State Parks advocate for the approval of Bill HB640.**

Maryland State Parks contain more historic structures than any other Maryland entity public or private.

The Friends support the Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission Final Report and the implementation of its recommendations. In the section titled Stewarding Maryland's Cultural and Historic Resources, the Report contains this key recommendation # 4:

“Work with MHT to make the Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program available to tenants of historic properties owned by DNR.”

This bill is a vital pillar in promoting the preservation and effective management of Maryland's cherished cultural and historical resources and provides a preservation opportunity to expand heritage tourism.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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