



FRIENDS OF MOSES HALL MORNINGSTAR TABERNACLE NUMBER 88
ANCIENT UNITED ORDER OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MOSES
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By Email to:

The Honorable Marc Korman, Maryland Delegate, District 16
The Honorable Sara Love, Maryland Delegate, District 16
The Honorable Ariana B. Kelly, Maryland Delegate, District 16
The Honorable Susan Lee, Maryland Senator, District 16

Re: Letter in Support of House Bill 1099

Dear Senator Lee and Delegates Korman, Love, and Kelly:

We are writing in support of House Bill 1099 that was filed by Delegate Al Carr (District 18) on February 4. This bill will assist all historic African American cemeteries in Maryland.

Morningstar Moses Tabernacle No. 88 Cemetery in Cabin John is a prime example of the many historic African American burial sites that are in desperate need of our respect, care and attention. If not for community volunteers and descendants taking notice of the imminent threats to Morningstar Moses posed by the proposed I-495 expansion project, the site could have easily “disappeared”.

House Bill 1099 seeks to help individuals and organizations to “identify, preserve, restore, protect, maintain, or commemorate graves, monuments, or markers at historic African American cemeteries.” Friends of Moses Hall believes that African American cemeteries are an important part of Maryland’s history and we urge you to join us in supporting House Bill 1099.

Sincerely,

Friends of Moses Hall

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