

BALTIMORE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY
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February 1, 2021

Delegate and Committee Chair McIntosh
Members of the House Appropriations Committee

RE: **Support** for HB0002, Maryland Environmental Service Reform Act of 2021

Dear Chair McIntosh and Members of the House Appropriations Committee,

We are writing in support of HB0002, Maryland Environmental Service Reform Act of 2021.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability is a body appointed by the Mayor to oversee the creation and implementation of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan. The 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan addresses a wide range of social, economic and environmental goals for the City, and it does so through an equity lens.

The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability has a strong interest in the success of HB0002. MES's work at Masonville Cove is an example of its importance in meeting at least 9 strategies of the "Nature in the City" section of the Sustainability Plan. Equity require that MES's work be done with good governance to ensure that resources are appropriately targeted to the agency's mission.

We urge the Committee to support HB0002.

Sincerely,

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Co-chairs, Commission on Sustainability

Cc: Delegate Korman