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## Testimony

### **SB 70 – Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting and Penalties Support**

AFSCME Maryland Council 3 supports SB 70.

Statewide, AFSCME Council 3 represents 30,000 State and Higher Education employees. Many of our members rent their homes. SB 70 requires the Maryland Department of the Environment to promulgate standards for the assessment and remediation of mold in rental housing units.

Our members work in old buildings where mold exposure is often a concern. They send their children to schools where mold exposure is again a concern. Ensuring healthful air quality at work, and at home, is important to our union.

SB 70 is a good bill. It establishes indoor air quality standards in Maryland. With a changing climate, it's more important than ever to have indoor air quality standards in our state laws to protect Marylanders from the harmful health effects caused from mold exposure.

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report on SB 70.

Thank you.

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