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## **Support SB 227: Water Pollution – Stormwater Management Regulations and Watershed Implementation Plans – Review and Update**

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Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee,

Maryland LCV strongly supports SB227: Water Pollution - Stormwater Management Regulations and Watershed Implementation Plans - Review and Update, and we thank the sponsors for their leadership on this issue. The [Fourth National Climate Assessment](#) predicts climate change will cause stronger, more intense storms in Maryland. One key response to these storms is to ensure our stormwater infrastructure is more resilient and can adapt to the predicted changes. SB 227 will help achieve this goal.

Currently, neither MDE's draft MS4 permit, guidance documents or Maryland's Stormwater Manual address the higher intensity storms, and the increasing nutrient and sediment loads associated with climate change. SB 227 would help Maryland ensure that the state's investments in stormwater infrastructure are adapted to handle stronger storms, and quantitatively account for climate change.

Additionally, this bill ensures climate change is incorporated into the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans and the 2-year milestones for the Chesapeake Bay clean up. It also directs MDE to consult with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities as well as other stakeholders such as the Bay Program and the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

For these reasons, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters urges your support of Senate Bill 227: Water Pollution – Stormwater Management Regulations and Watershed Implementation Plans – Review and Update. If you have any questions or would like to discuss additional details, please email our Water Program Director Ben Alexandro at [balexandro@mdlcv.org](mailto:balexandro@mdlcv.org).