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FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Testimony for House Bill 635

***MEMA, MDOT, MDE – Study on Historic and Recent Flooding in
Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties***

Before the Environment & Transportation Committee

March 3, 2021

I am writing with a position of **favorable with amendment** for HB635. Per the unanimous votes of the Prince George’s and Montgomery delegations, the bill should be amended to:

- Expand the geographic scope to include Montgomery County
- Consult with municipalities and the Army Corps of Engineers
- Make the bill an emergency bill

I am attaching email messages received from constituents who were affected by the September 10, 2020 rainstorm.

I ask for your favorable report.

On Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 2:45 PM David L. Goldwyn <Dgoldwyn@me.com> wrote:

Dear Delegate Carr,

Thank you for your concern about Chevy Chase View's storm water management challenges. I appreciate your efforts to help address these challenges through your proposed amendment to HB 635. I support having the State study these issues in the manner proposed in your amendment. While Montgomery County will need to study the impact of stormwater issues in Chevy Chase View and other jurisdictions, assess the need for improved permitting and other standards, and make improvements to County infrastructure, study and action by the State in addition to these steps is essential. With respect to the amendment, may I suggest that it will be important that the State have adequate time and resources to provide a thorough study and that it consider the utility of green infrastructure policies. I would also welcome a higher level of confidence in knowing that the impacts of the September 10 storm on Chevy Chase View would be certain to be included in that study. Perhaps your amendment could allow greater flexibility for the State's timeline, perhaps a year and include steps to consult with the Town of Chevy Chase View to help ensure our concerns are addressed in the scope of the study.

I also hope that adequate appropriation will be made, if necessary, so that funding is not an obstacle. Many thanks for your efforts. Please let me know if I can be of help in any way.

Best,

David Goldwyn

4212 Dresden Street, Kensington, MD

On Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 6:11 PM Maria-Antonieta Rodil <antonieta.rodil@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Delegate Carr,

Thank you for your concern about Chevy Chase View's stormwater management challenges. I appreciate your efforts to help address these challenges through your proposed amendment to HB 635. We support having the State study these issues in the manner proposed in your amendment. It will also be important that the State have adequate time and resources to provide a thorough

study and that it considers the utility of green infrastructure policies. We would welcome a higher level of confidence in knowing that the impacts of the September 10 storm on Chevy Chase View would be certain to be included in that study. We suggest your amendment allow greater flexibility for the State's timeline, perhaps a year, that you include steps to consult with the Town of Chevy Chase to help ensure our concerns are addressed in the scope of the study. We also hope that adequate appropriation will be made, if necessary, so that funding is not an obstacle. Sincerely,

Maria A. Rodil

4120 Everett St. Kensington, MD

On Sun, Feb 21, 2021 at 9:58 AM <dawsonfw@verizon.net> wrote:

Dear Delegate Carr,

Thank you for your concern about Chevy Chase View's storm water management challenges. I appreciate your efforts to help address these challenges through your proposed amendment to HB 635. We support having the State study these issues in the manner proposed in your amendment. It will also be important that the State have adequate time and resources to provide a thorough study and that it consider the utility of green infrastructure policies. We would welcome a higher level of confidence in knowing that the impacts of the September 10 storm on Chevy Chase View would be certain to be included in that study. We suggest your amendment allow greater flexibility for the State's timeline, perhaps a year, that you include steps to consult with the Town of Chevy Chase to help ensure our concerns are addressed in the scope of the study. We also hope that adequate appropriation will be made, if necessary, so that funding is not an obstacle. Thank you

Judy Mietz

4004 Everett Street, Kensington, MD

On Sun, Feb 21, 2021 at 12:14 PM Jacalyn Hartmann <molinoj@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Delegate Carr,

This letter is written in support of HB635 with the amendment to include Montgomery County. I have lived at 4502 Dresden St., Kensington, MD in Montgomery County for 20 years and have experienced property flooding during multiple rain storms, not just the September 10th storm. When this housing development was created over 50 years ago, a drain pipe was added after water problems occurred. The pipe resides between my property and 4504 Dresden and it clearly cannot handle the amount of water sufficiently. 20 homes surrounding the area direct drainage water to this pipe. Many of those homes are new and much larger than the original footprint, creating less permeable surface area. The impact to our property has been devastating at times. I have contacted Montgomery County at least 5 times and have been told there is nothing they can do about residential run-off.

This is an environmental problem that is not going away and requires county infrastructure to assist with mitigating property damage. I am exasperated and frustrated dealing with this issue for 20 years with no help from Montgomery County. I am in full support of HB635 with the amendment for Montgomery County and can provide further details if needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jacalyn M. Hartmann

Kensington, MD

Dear Delegate Carr, Thank you for your concern about and interest in Chevy Chase View's storm water management challenges. I appreciate your dedicated efforts to help address these challenges through your proposed amendment to HB 635. Our community supports having the State study these issues in the manner proposed in your amendment. It will also be important that the State have adequate time and resources to provide a thorough study and that it consider the utility of green infrastructure policies. We would welcome a higher level of confidence in knowing that the impacts of the September 10 storm on Chevy Chase View would be included in that study. I was directly impacted by this storm and was panic stricken when I realized that there

was little I could do at the time as flood waters rose around my home. As a Maryland resident, I recognize the importance of government involvement and the strength of governance in supporting its citizens and in improving their daily lives. We suggest your amendment allow greater flexibility for the State's timeline, perhaps a year, that you include steps to consult with the Town of Chevy Chase to help ensure the concerns of the residents of this community are addressed in the scope of the study. We also hope that adequate appropriation will be made, if necessary, so that funding is not an obstacle. As seen by the recent events in Texas, time is of the essence to address these types of infrastructure issues as they will continue to evolve. This is a complex issue and we welcome all the support the State can provide in addressing them.

Best Regards,

Catherine Schempp, RN, PHD, Colonel, Retired, USA

Resident of Chevy Chase View

On Sun, Feb 21, 2021 at 10:35 PM Rori Peters <rep228@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Delegate Carr, I am a member of a neighbor coalition organized to address the stormwater issues that have impacted our community. Thank you for your concern about Chevy Chase View's storm water management challenges. I appreciate your efforts to help address these challenges through your proposed amendment to HB 635. We support having the State study these issues in the manner proposed in your amendment. It will also be important that the State have adequate time and resources to provide a thorough study and that it consider the utility of green infrastructure policies. We would welcome a higher level of confidence in knowing that the impacts of the September 10 storm on Chevy Chase View would be certain to be included in that study. We suggest your amendment allow greater flexibility for the State's timeline, perhaps a year, that you include steps to consult with the Town of Chevy Chase to help ensure our concerns are addressed in the scope of the study. We also hope that adequate appropriation will be made, if necessary, so that funding is not an obstacle.

Sincerely,

Rori Peters

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 8:26 PM Emily Vaias <emilyvaias@gmail.com> wrote:

Delegate Carr - Thank you for introducing the amendment to include Montgomery County in the flood study regarding the flood of September 10. Our yard and house (on Clearbrook Lane) flooded and caused about \$50,000 of damage. We have a public storm drain easement in our side yard but it was overwhelmed as well as the drains at the end of the street. In fact, the street itself was flooded up to our house. The water seemed to be coming from the yards and street behind us (Dresden) and rushing like a waterfall down to our yard. It pushed our neighbor's shed into our shared fence and it broke through into our yard. There has been some work at the end of the street over the past few months with installing new storm drains, but it is not clear if anything was done upstream to stop the waterfall from Dresden. We support the proposed bill and would appreciate you telling us where we should send a letter or email. Thanks so much. -

Ms. E

Clearbrook Lane



