

Good afternoon Distinguished members of the Environment and Transportation committee. For the record, I am Shaneka Henson, Delegate for District 30A. Chairman Barve and Vice-Chair Stein, thank you for granting me this time to present HB0129/SB0070 entitled "Environment-Mold Inspections-Standards, Reporting and Penalties" with the intent on securing your favorable vote.

This bill is intended to improve public health. Currently, Mold is an issue that is recognized but not addressed.

With this legislation, chronic lung disease, asthma attacks, coughing, wheezing, and now COVID-19, would be reduced in our citizens by requiring MDE, MDH, and DHCD to adopt regulations requiring inspections for mold detection and treatment. It will as well protect tenants by requiring full disclosure in regards to the presence of mold in a rental unit.

It is my intention with this bill to establish protection through prevention. No one should be exposed to disease within their own homes; this bill is needed now more-so than ever

I thank you all for your continued consideration of HB0129 and ask that the Environment and Transportation committee vote Favourably for the health of MD citizens. Thank you