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Testimony
HB 129 – Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting and Penalties
Environment and Transportation
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Support

AFSCME Maryland Council 3 supports HB 129.

Statewide, AFSCME Council 3 represents 30,000 State and Higher Education employees. Many of our members rent their homes. HB 129 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.

HB 129 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 HB 129.

Thank you.

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