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the Maryland Association
of Counties, Inc.



Reply to:

DATE: February 2, 2022
TO: Members, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
FROM: Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors
RE: SB 320 Mold Inspections and Remediation – Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (the Conference) **Supports with Amendments SB 320.**

The Conference welcomes the intent to establish uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation to assist in reducing environmental hazards and further the healthy homes initiative. However, local health departments are severely understaffed due to issues regarding recruitment and retention. While we are always willing to support and assist as needed, our fear is that a local jurisdiction may deem it as a Maryland Department of Health program and unintendedly force this on the local health departments. To fully support this effort, we are requesting that the language under 6-1702. (B)(3), 6-1702. (C), and 6-1702. (E)(4) “A LOCAL JURISDICTION” be substituted with “A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR MUNICIPALITY”.

Accordingly, we request the Committee **SUPPORT SB 320 WITH AMENDMENTS.**

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. If you have further questions concerning this written testimony, please contact:

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