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Reply to:

DATE: February 25, 2022  
TO: Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
FROM: Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors  
RE: House Bill 834 - On-site Sewage Disposal Systems – Outreach and Education  
(Septic Awareness Act of 2022)

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (the Conference) **SUPPORTS HB 834** regarding the Septic Awareness Act of 2022. The Conference is an affiliate of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and represent county environmental health directors who lead the state's 24 local environmental health departments.

The Conference has worked with various stakeholders and supported efforts to educate homeowners on their on-site sewage disposal systems. This bill furthers our endeavor to promote Septic Smart Week and a mechanism for distribution of educational resources into the hands of homebuyers with information on how an on-site sewage disposal system works in addition to protecting buyers with care and maintenance benefits to prevent serious and expensive problems.

The Conference appreciates the bill's interest in educating the public and protecting both environmental and public health.

Accordingly, the Conference requests the Committee give HB 834 a **FAVORABLE** report.

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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