



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: House Environment and Transportation Committee

Bill: HB 706 – Maryland Department of Emergency Management – Office of Resilience

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 706, which would establish the Office of Resilience and task it with coordinating with various agencies, workgroups, and local governments to build resilience in the State.

Cities and towns across the state are consistently on the search for information and resources to increase the resilience of their jurisdiction. For the second straight year, combatting climate change has been one of the League's strategic initiatives. Resiliency plays a key role, and we are delighted to see HB 706 lay out a strong framework for local support through technical assistance & guidance, Maryland grants, outside grant assistance, and overall coordination. Our members stand ready to partner with the State and look forward to coordinating with the Office of Resilience.

The League therefore respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 706 with a favorable report.

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