

Committee: House Environment & Transportation Committee

Legislation: HB 0814 (cross filed SB 0308) Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and administer a statewide green business certification program to recognize businesses operating in a manner that reduces their environmental footprint and provide consumers with information on how to identify those businesses; and requiring the Department to update and enhance the statewide green business certification program in consultation with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program.

Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

Position: Favorable

Hearing: February 23, 2022

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

The Environmental Justice Ministry supports this legislation HB 0814 cross filed with SB 0308 in order to establish a statewide green business certification program which will encourage businesses to improve their practical green applications to business. This is an important step in involving more businesses throughout the state to focus on critical elements that will help consumers identify them. Further, it mandates the MDE consult with the Montgomery County green certification program to enhance the program.

Please vote favorably for this bill.

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