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Testimony of Delegate Dr. Jay Jalisi
Before the Environment and Transportation Committee

In Support of HB 798
Community Healthy Air Act

February 23, 2022, 1:00pm

Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I come before you today to introduce my bill HB 798.

This bill establishes the Committee on Air Quality, for developing an air quality sampling and monitoring protocol for the collection of air quality and public health data associated with large animal-feeding operations (AFOs) by January 1, 2023.

The bill requires that The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) must provide staff for the committee and, by October 1, 2023:

- (1) assess air pollutants and public health risks associated with all large AFOs in the State and
- (2) use those assessments to evaluate whether all large AFOs in the State comply with applicable federal and State air pollution emissions laws and regulations.

By December 15, 2023, MDE must post a report of its findings on its website and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2022, and terminates June 30, 2024

Thank you for your time, and I request a favorable vote for my bill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay".

Delegate Dr, Jay Jalisi