

Committee: **Judicial Proceedings**

Testimony On: **SB783**

Submitting: **Jacky Grindrod**

Position: **Favorable**

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I'm Jacky Grindrod and I submit this testimony in favor of the passage of the Environmental Human Rights Amendment presently before you.

We moved to Maryland in 2020 in large part because it had fresh air, wide open spaces and Assateague Island. The Environmental Human Rights Amendment is critical to preserve that natural resource bounty.

The amendment would encourage the General Assembly to pass legislation requiring the better management of plastics - to avoid the plastic blight on our state and in our waters.

Clean air, water and soil are essential elements for good health, and this amendment is the best way to ensure that Maryland never does squander its natural treasures.

I implore you, in the name of all that is fair and just, to adopt this amendment. Do not be cowed by the scare tactics being deployed by its opponents. I'm from New Jersey. I've seen what lax enforcement and disdain for environmental justice lead to. Be the heroes for the environment that only you have the power to be, and in the process, you will be heroes to every child growing up in this beautiful state.