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The Maryland Episcopal
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Network

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0743

FAVORABLE

**Transportation - Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs and
Transportation Improvement Programs - Equity Impacts**

**TO: Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair, Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice-Chair, and
members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

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DATE: February 23, 2023:

The Episcopal Church at large and the Diocese of Maryland in particular has embraced the concept of reparations, a concept not limited to financial considerations but to a leveling of the playing field across a broad spectrum of issues, including achieving equity in quality-of-life issues, such as health.

SB 743 will take important steps to rectify well-entrenched environmental policies that have resulted in unfairly and disproportionately affecting communities of color. Rectifying such inequities is long overdue. Equity with regard to the environment is sorely needed. It is a critical aspect of living in a healthy environment that is essential for all and not just for wealthy people, who are not persons of color, who almost never have to address these issues..

The Diocese of Maryland requests a favorable report on SB 743.