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**SB830 Environmental Health Specialist and On-Site Sewage Disposal  
Systems – Reform (Environmental Health System Support Act of 2023)**

**Education Energy and Environment**

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**Position: Favorable**

As an On-site Wastewater professional, I appreciate Sen. Hester efforts to improve this industry both in timeliness and effectiveness. I want to focus on two sections of the legislation: the Data base and staffing.

A statewide database to log in septic system process is a first step We do believe that we need a database for all septic systems in the state not just new permits. This database should include information needed to make inspection and repairs much easier and faster. The current hodgepodge of county systems makes it hard for a new homeowner to know critical information about their systems or for the professional being called out to do emergency repairs to accurately assess the problem and the fixes needed.

Staffing is the second key issues. Both MDE and the local offices urgently need more staffing to meet the growing septic work load.

We appreciate the opportunity we have had to work with Sen. Hester on these issues.

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• Matthew Geckle

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