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Senator Brian J. Feldman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Feldman:

Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works (DPW) respectfully submits the following testimony in opposition to HB 624. This bill addresses how and when water suppliers must notify individuals when a positive E. coli test is received. The health and safety of our residents is our top priority, and we strive to be open and transparent about the services we provide to our customers, and have well established procedures regarding notification should contamination occur.

The intent of HB 624 is in alignment with this goal. However, its implementation may be duplicative or in conflict with established Federal and State guidelines. These guidelines include established steps that must be taken if a public water system has a positive test for E. coli. Adding additional steps to this established procedure may cause confusion and unnecessary notification of residents before the public water supplier has confirmed that there is a contamination. We request that the General Assembly consider whether changes to this important concern be reviewed administratively by Maryland Department of the Environment instead of through legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Karen Henry
Director