



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

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**Committee:** House Environment & Transportation

**Bill:** \_\_\_\_\_ HB 848 - Drinking Water – Innovative Potable Reuse Pilot Program

**Position:** Support

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 848, which creates opportunities to explore turning reclaimed water into drinking water through a reuse permit pilot program.

Worsening climate change is a threat to the availability of safe drinking water across the globe; locally, water capacity issues often limit growth and redevelopment. This bill proposes innovative solutions that could help water capacity issues throughout the state in an environmentally sensitive way, charting a path for other towns and cities. Though most of Maryland's municipalities are not prepared to take advantage of this pilot program, MML feels strongly that this bill is a step in a very promising direction.

As such, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 848 with a favorable report.

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