

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chairman, Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve,

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) supports **HB 624 – Environment – Suppliers of Water – Notification Requirements** as the bill would require more stringent and clear communications of impacts to the water supply. We respectfully request that this notification be extended to Higher Education Institutions as we have multiple buildings along with students, faculty and staff that could be impacted by issues with the local water supply. UMB as an institution is uniquely vulnerable with patients that visit our medical and dental clinics as well as our research and vivarium enterprises.

The law currently states that "each supplier of water shall give notice to the Department and the persons served by the system and shall give written notice to **noncollegiate educational institutions**, public schools, family childcare homes, and child care centers whenever..." We would appreciate the Committee's consideration in modifying the language to **INCLUDE** Higher Educational Institutions.

While the bill seeks to alter the means by which a supplier of water must give notice to the Department of the Environment and to members of the public by requiring notification by more modern forms of technology, it would benefit higher education institutions to receive this notification as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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