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The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation
Maryland House of Delegates
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6 Bladen Street
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The Honorable Dana Stein
Vice Chair, Environment and Transportation
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Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the Magothy River Land Trust I write to urge your support for the **Maryland the Beautiful legislation** ([HB 631](#)), to advance this bill favorably from committee.

The Magothy River Land Trust is a non-profit organization composed of concerned Magothy River area residents. Its mission is to preserve the environment and protect the land within the Magothy River watershed by accepting donations of conservation easements and by fostering an increased understanding of our natural resources.

Over the years we have secured conservation easements on 445 acres within our watershed and continue to discuss new opportunities with area landowners. The passage of legislation such as proposed in HB 631 would greatly improve our ability to secure easements on larger and important tracts.

Thank you for your consideration,

James Crafton, President
Magothy River Land Trust