

**Written Testimony In Favor of
HB0900: Occupational Safety and Health – Public Buildings – Indoor Air Quality**

My name is Sara Anderson. I am a long-time resident of Chevy Chase, Maryland. I am writing to express my support for HB0900: Occupational Safety and Health – Public Buildings – Indoor Air Quality.

First, I support this bill because I want all public sector workers to have access to safe workplaces. Since COVID-19 is airborne, cleaning the air is very important for preventing transmission of the virus. This is especially important for people who work in-person and who share indoor air with many other people every day. **Public sector workers do important work to support our communities, and they should be able to breathe safe air while they do so.**

Second, I support this bill because I am a senior citizen who wants to be able to safely access public buildings. **Cleaning the air in public buildings makes them more accessible to high risk groups, like senior citizens. COVID is disproportionately killing the elderly.** I am in my early seventies, and I want to be able to enjoy my retirement, take care of my grandchildren, and spend time with my husband and daughters. I do not want to face preventable COVID infection as the price for returning a library book or renewing my driver's license.

I strongly urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

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