



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF**

**Office of the Attorney General - Environment and Natural Resources  
Monitoring Unit - Establishment**

**FAVORABLE**

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**TO: Environment and Transportation/Appropriations Committees**

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Maryland needs to continue to lead in addressing environmental issues and how changes impact disadvantaged communities. One sign of leadership is enforcing regulations. As we look ahead to protecting the environment, it will be expensive and some corporations and individuals will try to test the limits of the regulations. This Bill provides the state with the resources necessary to navigate the legal issues, determine compliance and help prosecute where necessary.

We are all responsible for the environment. Establishing the infrastructure to enforce regulations designed to ensure compliance with protecting the environment is a necessary step.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a Favorable report.