

## TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

HB 723 Natural Resources - Forest Preservation and Retention

**POSITION: Support** 

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The League of Women Voters believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability.

At this time when the devasting effects of climate change are becoming more and more noticeable, it is important to take as many defensive steps as we can. At the state level in Maryland this year that means doing more to improve forest conservation.

Consequently, the League of Women Voters of Maryland urges you issue a favorable report on HB 723.