



March 02, 2023

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 965- Income Tax – Credit for Mold Remediation of Residential Rental Properties

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE or the Department) has reviewed House Bill 965 and would like to provide some information. HB 965 would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in consultation with the Comptroller and MDE, to adopt regulations regarding a mold remediation tax credit.

MDE agrees that mold remediation is an important issue; however, MDE does not have staff expertise in mold remediation. Mold remediation is the domain of industrial hygienists, which the Department does not employ. MDE, therefore, would need to obtain contractual assistance to assist DHCD in meeting the requirements under this bill.

Thank you for your consideration. We will continue to monitor House Bill 965 during the Committee's deliberations, and I am available to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 410-260-6301 or by e-mail at gabrielle.leach@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Leach

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Christopher R. Hoagland, Air and Radiation Administration