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The Honorable C.T Wilson
Chair
Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building
Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB391 Corporations and Associations - Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington

Dear Chairman Wilson,

On behalf of the majority of the Southern Maryland Delegation members, we are writing to support **HB391 Corporations and Associations - Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington.**

This bill makes Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Washington, that are located in Maryland, subject to the same Religious Corporations law that governs other Episcopal Churches and churches of other denominations in Maryland. It will replace the 1700s-era laws that currently apply only to Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Washington. This is needed for these churches to more easily open bank accounts and apply for grants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edith J. Patterson".

Delegate Edith J. Patterson,
Chair, Southern Maryland Delegation