



FAVORABLE - SB309
Sustainable Growth Subcabinet and Repeal of the Office of Smart Growth

Maryland Department of Emergency Management
Education, Energy, and the Environment
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Chairman Brian Feldman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
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The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) writes **in support of SB309 - Sustainable Growth Subcabinet and Repeal of the Office of Smart Growth**. The bill includes the Department of Emergency Management in the Sustainable Growth Subcabinet and expands the duties of the Subcabinet to include equity and resiliency to their current areas of focus.

The Department of Emergency Management's vision is *to shape a resilient Maryland where communities thrive*. Our mission is to proactively reduce disaster risks and reliably manage consequences through collaborative work with Maryland's communities and partners. We believe the expansion of the subcabinet combined with inclusion of equity and resilience provides a critical collaborative environment for State agencies to build resilience as we grow Maryland. This effort will dovetail well with MDEM's Office of Resilience, a new Office established by the General Assembly standing up this year.

In conclusion, MDEM urges a favorable report of SB309 - Sustainable Growth Subcabinet and Repeal of the Office of Smart Growth.

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