



# Maryland

## Department of the Environment

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The Honorable Samuel I. Rosenberg  
365 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Rosenberg:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on the bill you filed, House Bill 1375, Environmental Justice - Identification of and Investment in Overburdened and Underserved Communities - Report.

Environmental justice is a key priority of Secretary Serena C. McIlwain and the Maryland Department of the Environment. With the recent hiring of Assistant Secretary of Environmental Justice Aneca Atkinson, MDE is continuing to invest time and resources into helping overburdened and underserved communities recover from environmental injustices and prevent future cases.

Based on our discussions, MDE will commit to providing funding information on the overall spending of state and federal capital that has benefited overburdened, underserved, and disadvantaged communities. We will seek to be all-encompassing in the information provided and update MDE's website to reflect the data analyzed.

Without a statute requiring such a report, MDE will be able to use existing resources to provide the data that would be required under House Bill 1375.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on environmental justice issues in the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Marc Korman  
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee