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Senate Budget & Tax Committee
Chair Guy Guzzone
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Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 980, which improves the effectiveness of Maryland Heritage Areas (MHA) across our state. Specifically, the bill as drafted increases the cap on certain grants given by MHA's from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and also decreases from 10% to 7% the percentage of Program Open Space Funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses.

From Harford County's Vulcan Quarry Trail to Southern Maryland's Grandma's Hand's film, and even Washington County's historic Maryland Theatre – Maryland Heritage Areas have provided critical funding for projects that touch every corner of our state. SB 980 helps give more flexibility and opportunity for these projects to continue positively impacting our shared citizenry.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.D. Corderman".

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