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The Honorable Brian Feldman and
Members of the Senate Education, Energy,
and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Good evening Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

My name is Eyad Mizian, Chief Engineer at WSSC Water. I am here to provide informational testimony on SB 654 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Raw Water Pipeline Project – Audit.

SB 654 relates to the 48-inch Patuxent Raw Water Pipeline Project on Bond Mill Road in West Laurel, MD. This new pipeline increases the Patuxent Water Filtration Plant's production by up to 40 million gallons per day to meet the drinking water needs of Prince George's and Montgomery County residents while ensuring infrastructure resiliency and redundancy. This increase in production is critical for WSSC Water to maintain the supply and pressure needed for our 1.9 million customers.

The project is currently 98% complete with final paving scheduled for this spring. However, during construction the project encountered delays following the discovery of rock. To address the concerns resulting from delays and review the project, WSSC Water is developing a scope of work for a comprehensive evaluation by a 3rd party consultant of the planning, design, and construction of the 48" raw water pipeline project. The scope of work will be completed soon.

WSSC Water's independent evaluation of the project will contain all the items called for in SB 654 including the project schedule, budget, and most importantly recommendations for improvements to our construction process going forward. This RFP will be advertised by the spring with an anticipated completion date in November this year.

The Commission has not yet taken a formal position on the bill, however, our team is committed to working with the bill sponsor to address any concerns they may have. I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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