

## February 14, 2025

The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Annapolis, MD 21401

## RE: Favorable-SB 722- Department of the Environment- Ecological Restoration

Dear Chair and members of EEE,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 722 on behalf of my client the Center for Ecosystem Recovery. The Center is a non-profit dedicated to advancing the science and practice of ecological restoration through research, partnerships and education for the recovery of our living resources.

The addition of the Bill's definition of ecological restoration in relevant regulations and the Environment Article adopts one of the recommendations in the Ecological Restoration Permitting Study Report.

The Center respectfully requests a **Favorable** report for this basic but needed definition update throughout the ecological restoration guidelines and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barry Glassman