

**Testimony for SB0978:** Support for Environmental Permits — Requirements for Public Participation and Impact and Burden Analyses (Cumulative Harms to Environmental Restoration for Improving Shared Health - CHERISH Our Communities Act)

**Bill Senate Sponsor:** Senator Lam

**Committee:** Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment;

**Person Submitting:** Karl Held

**Position:** Favorable

The CHERISH Our Communities Act (SB0973) is a significant improvement over the current permitting process for highly pollution burdened populations and I strongly urge your support for this bill. Thank you for your consideration of my request for a favorable report on this bill.

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