



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0024:  
Annotated Code—Terminology—Clergy and Churches, Faith  
Institutions, and Places of Worship  
\*\*FAVORABLE\*\***

TO: Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair, Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair and the members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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This Bill is long overdue. It recognizes that our concept of places of worship and faith traditions is out-moded and needs to be expanded. We need to recognize and respect all faith traditions, including Judaism, Islam, etc. This Bill recognizes that our laws need to reflect our society and be ecumenical with regard to the idea of what constitutes a faith tradition and a place of worship.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland urges a favorable report.