

To the Environment and Transportation Committee

Maryland General Assembly

I support this bill. Maryland residents need to be able to have more say in the quality of the air they breathe.

Federal environmental regulations (that the state typically follows) are under attack, and our local governments should have the power to protect their residents when the state is slow to act.

State and federal laws already authorize local governments to set more protective local standards to address their local situations, but poor wording in state law – as minor as writing “section” instead of “subsection” has led some to the opposite interpretation, putting local clean air laws at risk.

Clean air can be compromised by industrial uses, agriculture, coal dust, and many more sources, all of which exist in the state of Maryland. IN particular, air pollution is likely to be more of an issue for the most vulnerable and low-income communities in the state.

Thank you,

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