



**[HB1296](#) Environment - Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Program – Establishment**

**Testimony of Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi, co-founder of Mizrahi Family Charitable Fund + Maryland Climate Commissioner**

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Honorable Chair and committee –

My name is Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi. I serve as a Maryland Climate Commissioner, but offer this testimony on my own behalf.

I live in Annapolis and our entire peninsula relies on well water. Currently, my well is still functioning. However, that is not the case for several of our neighbors and others in Anne Arundel County. I understand that this is the case in other parts of the state as well.

Climate change has dramatically changed the aquifers. This is causing major disruptions with wells. **My neighbors whose wells have stopped working have needed to dig new wells that are twice as deep as earlier ones -- and at a cost of approximately \$75,000!**

We connected with our County Executive, Steuart Pittman, about the water issue. To put county water in our area would cost millions and millions of dollars. It would require a lot of permits and time. Thus, we hope that this pilot program yields solutions. The water needs to be clean, safe and reliable.

If a home or business can't get access to water, it's a disaster. Thus, this pilot program is very important. Thus, I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you.