

Committee: Environment and Transportation
Testimony on: HB1484- CHERISH Our Communities Act
Submitting: Ingris Reyna
Position: Favorable
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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Ingris Reyna, and I am a resident of Baltimore City in District 46 and a mother of three. I am writing today to support HB1484, the CHERISH Our Communities Act because this bill is crucial for protecting the health of families like mine.

I have family members and close friends who suffer from asthma, and I live in a community deeply impacted by air pollution. Unfortunately, communities that already bear the burden of pollution continue to be subjected to even more harmful emissions, often without protection. These affected areas are disproportionately home to Latino and communities of color, making this an urgent environmental justice issue.

HB1484 is critical because it will:

- Improve the process for safeguarding the health of vulnerable communities.
- Ensure that cumulative impacts of pollution are considered when reviewing permit applications.
- Help reduce air pollution and, in turn, lower the rates of respiratory illnesses affecting our families.

I urge you to support this bill so that we can have cleaner air and a healthier future for our children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ingris Reyna