

HB 1058 Emission Standards, Ambient Air Quality Standards, and Solid Waste Management - Local Authority
Environment and Transportation Committee
February 26, 2025

Position: SUPPORT

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

My family and I support HB 1058 because this bill clarifies and corrects existing law in order to give Maryland Counties and Municipalities the ability to legislate air quality and waste laws that are more protective than State and/or Federal laws. Now that Federal environmental regulations are attacked and their enforcement a joke, Maryland counties and municipalities must have the power to protect their residents.

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 – e.g. writing “section” instead of “subsection” has led some to the opposite interpretation. This puts local clean air laws at risk. This bill would make state law clearer so that Maryland’s Counties and Municipalities can fulfill their duties to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of their residents as they find necessary and appropriate.

We encourage you to vote favorably on HB1058.