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Favorable

HB 747 – On-Site Wastewater Systems – Requirement for Inspection and Pumping Services

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of HB 747, which addresses environmental contamination associated with neglected wastewater systems. This legislation requires that septic systems must be inspected and pumped at the time of a property transfer if these services have not been performed in the past three years. The three-year timeline was suggested by the Maryland On-site Wastewater Association.

There is clear evidence that failing septic systems contribute to water contamination, particularly E. Coli, but there are currently no requirements to inspect them. This bill formalizes best practices and protects both homeowners, renters and our environment.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report on HB747.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton
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