## **Required Information**

HB0509 Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup - Establishment

Support FAV

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## **Written Testimony:**

My name is Jennifer Johnson and in 2023 I Founded the Friends of St. Peter's Cemetery. The cemetery was opened in 1851 and is the hallowed ground for approximately 15,000 individuals who worked and lived in West Baltimore.

Currently there is not a unified database for all cemeteries in Maryland. There should be so that there is standardized tracking, protection and maintenance of all cemeteries in Maryland. Having a unified database is just one piece to an overall larger more efficient streamlined process to maintain order and decency for all Maryland Cemeteries.

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Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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