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Dear Maryland Senate and House of Delegates,

I write in support of HB169 (sponsored by Delegate Allen) and its companion bill SB0064 (sponsored by Senator Klausmeier). These bills would name the Natural History Society of Maryland as the state's official natural history museum. I am strongly supportive of this action, because the Natural History Society of Maryland is a wonderful educational and research institution that is worthy of this important honor.

As a Ph.D. environmental scientist and educator based in Silver Spring, I love the Natural History Society of Maryland, and have worked with them on a variety of public science engagement activities. They have hundreds of thousands of specimens highlighting Maryland's diverse and fascinating natural history, with more added all the time.

Their staff and volunteers are experts in their fields and passionate about our state, and they are involved in a wide variety of research and educational activities. They offer over 300 programs every year including in-person lectures and tours, field trips throughout Maryland, and online activities.

The Natural History Society of Maryland is a treasure for our state, and I am strongly supportive of them being named the official natural history museum of the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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