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**HEARING DATE: 2/05/2025**

**BILL:** SB 525 - **SPONSORS:** Senators Charles, Muse, Kramer, Ellis, and Rosapepe  
**TITLE:** **Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Video Evidence and Reward Programs**  
**POSITION:** **Favorable**  
**COMMITTEE:** **Judicial Proceedings**

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Judith Allen-Leventhal, and I am a resident Maryland Legislative District 26. I am past president of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA), currently serve on that Board as well as Chair of GACA's ad hoc Roadway Advocacy Committee for South County (RACS) established at the urging of concerned citizen activists who advocate for improved roadway conditions in our area of southern Prince George's County. I write to enthusiastically endorse SB 525.

Currently there is inadequate accountability for irresponsible behavior by entities that leave litter, rubbish, debris, etc. throughout Maryland communities; this results in aesthetic undermining and defacing as well as posing serious risks to health and safety.

SB 525 empowers concerned members of the community to actively help address illegal dumping issues that are an aesthetic and an environmental threat to us all throughout Maryland. As the bill outlines, the public will be enabled to submit video evidence of alleged violations of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law to enforcement officials. Of particular concern in our area of Prince George's County, is that MDOT and DPWT are overwhelmed by egregious illegal dumping – much of it by commercial entities who realize that our agencies and police are understaffed and unable to keep up with needed enforcement. SB 525 would further reduce drains on those formal resources and facilitate their staying focused on critical health and safety missions for which they are already responsible.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony and for your consideration of my enthusiastic endorsement of SB 525. I urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB 525.

Respectfully submitted,  
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