



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

February 25, 2026

Hon. Kriselda Valderrama
Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB0892 FAVORABLE

Chairperson Valderrama,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Preservation Maryland and our thousands of statewide supporters, I thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **SUPPORT of HB0892 - Business Regulation - Cemeteries - Actions for Sale, Transfer, or Alternate Use.**

Preservation Maryland is the nonprofit, statewide voice for historic preservation that harnesses the power of historic places by revitalizing and reinvesting in communities, advocating, and building the historic trades workforce for the benefit of all Marylanders. (Learn more at: presmd.org)

This bill will authorize certain persons to bring an action when the owner of a property that includes a cemetery proposes the sale, transfer, or alternate use of all or part of a certain cemetery. And require a court to take certain actions under certain circumstances. We support this legislation as we believe its passage would support cemetery preservation.

HB0892 is an important piece of legislation, and we urge a favorable report.

Favorable

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Redding, President & CEO