



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

February 25, 2026

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

RE: HB0893 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 HB0893 - Business Regulation - Abandoned Cemeteries - Acquisition and Disposition.**

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 a governmental unit to acquire property on which an abandoned cemetery is located under certain circumstances and for a certain purpose. Which requires a governmental unit that acquires property under the Act to make a certain effort to contact certain persons for a certain purpose. And authorizes a person or organization to bring an action to request the court to transfer property acquired under the Act to the person or organization. We support this legislation as we believe its passage would support cemetery preservation.

HB0893 is an important piece of legislation, and we urge a favorable report.

Favorable

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Redding, President & CEO