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**Senate Bills 0780 and 0781 – SUPPORT**

**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - BURDEN Analysis (SB 0780)**

**and**

**Environmental Permits - Requirements for Burden Analysis, Issuance and Renewal, and  
Public Participation (Cumulative Harms for Environmental Restoration for Improving  
Shared Health (SB 0781)**

**(CHERISH Our Communities Act)**

**Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee**

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Susan Greene. My husband, Dan and I live in the waterfront community of Nabbs and Stoney Creek in Northern Anne Arundel County. We moved to Maryland from New Hampshire four years ago and have grown to love the natural beauty, the abundant seafood, and the joy of living in the Stoney Creek area. I am the mother of three adult children and a grandmother. I believe that one of the most important things that we can do for our children and grandchildren is to leave them a healthy, thriving environment.

Although there are many issues that need to be addressed by the legislature, there can be no more important issue than the health of our planet and our community. One step in caring for our planet and community is to support the CHERISH Our Communities Act. The CHERISH Act identifies pollution-overburdened communities (including Nabbs Creek / Stoney Creek / Patapsco River communities), sets out limits and pollution limits for power plants, and require reporting and community engagement for limiting pollution in our communities.

The CHERISH Act will protect our communities, our children, and our natural environment from the worst forms of pollution. It would reduce the health impacts of many forms of pollution

Senate Bills SB 0780 and SB 0781 proposed in this legislative session will create the necessary regulatory infrastructure to implement a measured and cost-effective approach to correcting the burden of cumulative pollution in Maryland's most overburdened communities and it will give overburdened communities a voice in the process.

**I strongly support SB 0780 and SB 0781 and I ask you to support the CHERISH Act also.**

Sincerely,

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