February 27, 2026

Testimony on: SB780 – CHERISH Our Communities Act
Submitting: Gabriela Ibarra
Position: Favorable
Hearing Date: March 3, 2026

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Gabriela Ibarra, I am 16 years old, and I am an 11th grade student at Bladensburg High School. I live in Riverdale Park, in District 22. I am a part of the Youth Leadership Academy with CHISPA Maryland. I am writing to you today to express my support for SB780 - CHERISH Our Communities Act environment

I'm writing to share my thoughts on CHERISH Our Communities Act. I believe this legislation is important because it can help make our communities cleaner and healthier.

This issue matters to me because environmental conditions directly affect people's health. Cleaner air could help reduce asthma-related problems, which is something some of my friends struggle with and that can cause students to miss school.

I respectfully ask that you consider supporting SB780 - CHERISH Act. so communities can benefit from its impact. Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Gabriela Ibarra