

Testimony Supporting SB0781  
Senate Education, Energy and the  
Environment Committee

Position: SUPPORT

Good Day Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee.

As a resident of Legislative District 40 and Baltimore City and President of the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition and Reconnecting Communities In West Baltimore Coalition. I am writing to express my strong support for SB 0781, the CHERISH Our Communities Act applying to MDE-issued permits. My organizations are working to reduce projects that have a harmful impact on our communities. We urge the committee to protect the most vulnerable Marylanders with this bill and support environmental justice. The CHERISH Our Communities Act will ensure public participation in the process and fix the longstanding inequities in environmental justice. Thank you for your time, consideration and Leadership.

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