

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"

This is a proverb coined by Benjamin Franklin in 1736, emphasizing that it is easier to stop a problem from happening than to repair the damage

This is exactly what this bill is about!

Prevention!

At last a "watershed" bill that addresses the problem, mitigating Stormwater in the upper watershed comes first.

I was part of a group of residents of Columbia who oversaw the development "Columbia Watershed Plan", although well intentioned it didn't and couldn't address the main issue of "Stormwater flowing from streets". This was because this was Howard County's responsibility.

I have watched Howard County spend millions of dollars on projects they did nothing to address the issue at its source! In fact the most of the projects they did fund matters worse!

Fred Tutman the Patuxent River keeper sounded the alarm but he was ignored.

Over the last 15 plus years I have seen acres of trees removed! Landscapes scraped bare!

The very environment that was soaking up the rain destroyed!

All a waste of money and an environmental disaster!

Please pass SB 688 (2026)

I started on a quote and I will finish on one.

As Columbia's founders James Rouse wife Lilly Rouse said "you don't mop the floor until you turn off the tap"!

It's time to turn off the tap please pass this bill.

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