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Testimony on: SB781 – CHERISH Our Communities Act

Submitting: Cinthia Escobar

Position: Favorable

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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Cinthia Escobar, and I am an 11th grade student at Fairmont Heights School. I am a member of the Chispa Maryland Youth Leadership Academy. I live in Hyattsville with my family. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB781 - the CHERISH Our Communities Act.

Many children in our community face serious health challenges because of poor air quality. Pollution greatly affects people, especially children and older adults, pregnant mothers with chronic illnesses, and with the CHERISH Our Community Act, we can have a much better environment in the future.

I wrote this letter to look forward to your support because we need to continue to work together to have a state with good conditions for all residents. I urge the committee to vote in favor of SB781. Passing this bill will protect the health of children and families across Maryland and create a cleaner, safer future for our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cinthia Escobar