

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

As a resident of the 41st district and the President of Be the Change, I am writing to express our strong support of SB0781, the CHERISH Our Communities Act applying to MDE-issued permits.

Several years ago, I was part of a group that toured the Cherry Hill/Westport areas. I will never forget the comments by a long-time resident who talked about all her neighbors who died of cancer and the children with asthma.

Our members are fortunate to live in areas that do not suffer from industry-caused pollution. Because people in other communities do not have financial resources, they should not be forced to suffer these horrible health impacts.

We support this bill because it will give the community a voice and will reduce the burden of pollution in vulnerable communities.

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