

February 27, 2026

Testimony on: SB780 – CHERISH Our Communities Act

Submitting: Kobe Cruz

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: March 3, 2026

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Kobe Cruz, I am 16 years old, and I am an 11th grade student at Bladensburg High School. I live in Bladensburg, in District 47. 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.

The CHERISH Act is an important bill that helps protect clean air, clean water, and healthy communities. Now is the time to make a difference for communities across Maryland. Please support SB 780, the CHERISH Act. This issue is important because many people I know have suffered from asthma.

I urge the committee to vote in favor of SB780. 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 for representing our community. I appreciate what you do for our community and the people.

Sincerely,

Kobe Cruz