



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

House Bill 663

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Position: **FAVORABLE**

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation **SUPPORTS House Bill 673**, which requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to report every six months on any changes in Federal policy related to the environment and MDE's administration of delegated Federal authority, as well as any steps Maryland may be taking to respond to those changes. With an unpredictable Federal regulatory landscape, state-level leadership is more important than ever to protect our progress towards climate resiliency and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. This bill will ensure that MDE is proactively assessing changes in Federal policy and that the General Assembly is well-prepared to assist in efforts to address those changes.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on HB 663.

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