

UNFAVORABLE TESTIMONY ON SB 1005 SUBMITTED BY SUSAN BARNETT

To: Chair and Members of the Senate Energy, Education, Energy and Environment Committee,

I am writing to submit my Unfavorable Testimony on SB 1005.

This bill will destabilize the balance of power needed for responsible discussion making within the Prince George's County system and within the MNCPPC system.

The bill has not had time to receive full review by all parties impacted and the public. There has been negative feedback on this bill from:

1. The Montgomery County Planning Board- they have issued a statement urging the General Assembly to reject SB 1005.
2. Ten former PG County Planning Board members (Four former chairs, two vice-chairs, and four regular members). They opposed SB 1005
3. Former M-NCPPC general counsel Adrian Gardner wrote to the chairs of the MoCo and PG House and Senate delegations. Mr. Gardner closed his letter with this statement::

"Meanwhile, it would be an unmitigated disaster for the agency to have separate counsel for human resources, information technology, procurement, etc. Those functions are decidedly corporate-wide because consistency in the interpretation of agency statutes, regulations and policies is so essential."

Clearly this bill is not appropriate and should not move forward. Please provide the needed UNFAVORABLE response.

Sincerely,

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