



# PRESERVATION MARYLAND

February 11, 2026

Hon. Marc Korman  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland

**RE: HB0254 FAVORABLE**

**Chairperson Korman,**

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Preservation Maryland and our thousands of statewide supporters, I thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **SUPPORT of HB0254** – a piece of legislation that will require the Department of Natural Resources to take certain action relating to climate change.

Preservation Maryland is the nonprofit, statewide voice for historic preservation that harnesses the power of historic places by revitalizing and reinvesting in communities, advocating, and building the historic trades workforce for the benefit of all Marylanders. (Learn more at: [presmd.org](http://presmd.org))

This bill will require the Department of Natural Resources to facilitate community participation in project planning and development. As well as establish the Resilience Through Restoration Capital Grant Fund to provide funding for nature-based restoration projects intended to reduce the State's climate change vulnerability. By October 1, 2027, the Department will be required to develop a website, guidance, and training for certain tools and resources. And require the Department to take certain actions relating to climate change by December 31, 2035. We support this legislation as we believe its passage would reduce the State's climate change vulnerability.

**HB0254 is an important piece of legislation, and we urge a favorable report.**

**Favorable**

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Redding, President & CEO