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February 27, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

***RE: Favorable on House Bill 1164 – Water Companies, Sewage Disposal Companies, and Water and Sewage Disposal Companies – Rate Consolidation and Limited–Income Mechanisms***

Dear Chair Korman & Members of the Committee:

Artesian Water Maryland (AWMD) provides water utility service to over 2,700 customers in Cecil County and is dedicated to ensuring reliable, safe, and high-quality water. We write to express our favorable recommendation on ***HB 1164 – Water Companies, Sewage Disposal Companies, and Water and Sewage Disposal Companies – Rate Consolidation and Limited–Income Mechanisms***.

AWMD is an affiliate company of Artesian Water Company, Inc., a regulated public water provider in Delaware. Artesian Water Company, Inc. currently utilizes a consolidated rate structure for its water utility services throughout Delaware, which are not all integrated in a central system, and has recognized the benefit of economies of scale and its effect on rates generally charged to customers in the three-county geographic region. AWMD provides service to various areas in Cecil County, Maryland in a smaller geographic region that currently employs different tariffs for each system and will be requesting consolidation of rates for those systems to recognize the operational reality of how these systems are run and to reduce redundant regulatory processes across the customer base.

The benefits of a consolidated rate structure include lower administrative and regulatory costs and improved affordability for customers by spreading investments in infrastructure across the total customer base, thus promoting long term rate stability.

Thank you for considering this testimony. For the reasons described above, AWMD respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** vote on HB 1164. Please feel free to contact me at [dspacht@artesianwater.com](mailto:dspacht@artesianwater.com) or 302-218-7698.

Sincerely,

*/s/ David B. Spacht*

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