

Testimony Supporting HB517  
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Members of the Committee,

As a lifelong, 65 years, Maryland resident and grandparent I urge you to pass HB517.

Thinking globally and acting locally continues to resonate because it is survival common sense.

With cancer rates among younger people rising alarmingly it is more important than ever to protect our air and water and food.

We cannot trust the Federal Government to be OUR local steward, regardless of which political party is in power.

State and federal laws already authorize local governments to set more protective local standards to address our local situations, but we need to make sure State laws will continue to work as intended AND our local governments MUST be able to protect us when Federal law allows predatory polluters to harm us when Maryland is slow to act.