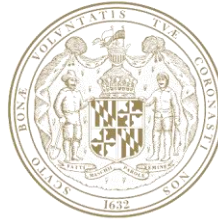


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February 26, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee
251 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Korman and Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Rural Caucus, we are writing to express our support for **HB 533 Mel Nolan Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund - Reporting**.

As advocates for environmental health in our rural communities, we believe this bill will ensure the Mel Nolan Woodland Incentives and Fellowship fund operates effectively and delivers on its goals of promoting sustainable forest management, landowner engagement, and fellowship support for woodland conservation.

For these reasons, the Rural Caucus supports HB 533 and requests a favorable report.

Thank you,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist
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