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House Rules and Executive Nominations

RE: Support HB 344 “Maryland Open Government Act”

Dear Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is pleased to join with other conservation, open government, and advocacy groups in urging your support of support HB 344 Maryland Open Government Act.

For over 30 years, Maryland LCV has advocated for sound conservation policies, worked to get pro-environment candidates elected and held elected officials accountable for their votes and actions with our legislative scorecard. In doing so, our board and staff have encountered many obstacles that have halted our ability as well as the general public’s access to engage in the legislative process.

Again, this legislation would make our mission of protecting Maryland’s air, land, and water more effective and give citizens better access to the legislative process.

We wish to thank Delegate Mizeur for her leadership, the committee for its consideration and respectfully request a favorable report.

Cindy Schwartz
Executive Director

For more than 30 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland’s elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.

