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Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review
90 State Circle, Department of Legislative Services
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support Stormwater Management Emergency Regulations

Dear Chairs Pinsky and Healey and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has worked with the environmental community this session to try and avoid legislation that would significantly rollback the regulations for the 2007 Stormwater Management Act.

To address a finite number of concerns, legislators convened a meeting of stakeholders, including Maryland Department of the Environment, local government officials, some developers, and some members of the environmental community, to work out a compromise that would both provide some certainty for developers who are playing by the rules and a firm deadline by which all new construction projects would have to meet the new regulations.

Maryland LCV urges the adoption of emergency regulations by the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR). We believe that if the regulations are to be changed, then changes should occur in regulation and not legislation. We will continue to work with the environmental community to ensure that no harm is done to the environment as a result of these changes.

We wish to thank Senator the committee for its consideration of this important matter and we respectfully urge you to support these emergency regulations.

Sincerely,

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.