

February 22, 2011

Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support Senate Bill 752, “Environmental Justice Review”

Dear Chairman Conway and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is pleased to join in the support of Senate Bill 752, “Environmental Justice Review.”

SB 752 would help ensure the proper identification and review of environmentally stressed communities throughout our state. This bill will require the Department of the Environment, in addition to the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop maps indicating areas of environmental stress. The bill will also require an Environmental Justice Review to preside over the renewing or issuing of specified permits.

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