

February 21, 2022

DATE: February 21, 2022  
TO: House Environmental Committee  
RE: Support for HB 596

I am writing to urge the Maryland General Assembly, specifically the House Environment and Transportation Committee, to advocate for the Constitutional Amendment for Environmental Human Rights by adopting a favorable report of HB 596. It is time to recognize the fundamental right to a healthful and sustainable environment in our constitution. The people of Maryland deserve to live in an environment that reflects their dignity. A constitutional amendment will become a powerful tool for Marylanders to use to fight against pollution and environmental degradation that damages their health, restricts their opportunities, and diminishes their happiness. We must enshrine this right in our constitution now to guide policies that will protect our people and natural resources for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Valantine". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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