

Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Legislation: HB 0596: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland to establish that every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful and sustainable environment; and requiring the State to serve as the trustee of the State's natural resources, including the air, land, water, wildlife, and ecosystems of the State, and to conserve, protect, and enhance the State's natural resources for the benefit of every person, including present and future generations.

Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

Position: Favorable

Hearing: February 23, 2022

Dear Committee Chair and Committee Members.

The Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist supports HB 0596 (cross filed as SB 0783) as the most significant Amendment the people of the state of Maryland will have to vote on during this time of Climate Emergency. Our faith holds the inherent worth and dignity of every person which affirms that every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful and sustainable environment.

Please vote favorably on this key amendment for the people of Maryland to decide.

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