



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

March 6, 2023

Hon. Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, Maryland

Hon. Guy Guzzone
Budget and Taxation Committee
Mill Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB783 FAVORABLE

Chairperson Feldman and Chairperson Guzzone,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Preservation Maryland and our thousands of statewide supporters, I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of SB783**— a piece of legislation that will support and invest in our state's history and communities.

Preservation Maryland is the statewide voice for historic preservation that works to protect the best of Maryland. Since 1931, we have worked tirelessly to protect the places, stories, and communities in Maryland that matter. (Learn more at: presmd.org)

Preservation Maryland is *extremely supportive of the legislation*, which will continue to address the challenges of how to best dispose of, reuse, and incentivize the rehabilitation of former government-owned historic complexes. SB783 is an innovative way of addressing the challenges of reusing former government-owned historic complexes and engaging the private sector in the solution.

Therefore, we respectfully urge a favorable report on SB783.

Favorable

Sincerely,


Nicholas A. Redding, President & CEO