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SB407– Drinking Water - Innovative Potable Reuse Pilot Program – Establishment

Chair Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

Today, I want to introduce Senate Bill 407, a collaboration of Maryland Department of the Environment, the City of Westminster, University of Maryland, and a reputable engineering firm's now completed pilot program for water reuse. SB 407 is necessary to clarify in law how MDE should regulate water reuse for Westminster and many other areas now investigating this idea.

Westminster is on the forefront indirect potable water reuse in Maryland – this technology has the potential to stop discharge into our waterways, recycle water and ensure safe water is available when there are shortages or drought.

There are significant sponsor amendments that are the result of the City of Westminster working in collaboration with MDE and other agencies to correctly define the parameters for permitting and regulating this new innovative program.

I respectfully request a favorable vote on SB 407